

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MURROE**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>211</b>

## **Murroe, County Limerick.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed questionnaire and accompanying map. Murroe is a very attractive village located off the main routes to the historical Glenstal Abbey and on route to scenic Clare Glens. It has imposing features as you enter both from Limerick, Annacotty and Cappamore. There seems to be good co-operation between the Community, County Council and FAS as evidenced by the ongoing work taking place in the village. I have not seen copy of two-year plan as it was not included with this year's material. I think it would be important to include a copy next year just to refresh the adjudicator's memory.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The overall standard was quite good with most premises maintained to a high standard. The School and Church were well presented except for the Tower, which needs to be painted at least. The Credit Union building is very much in keeping with the village architecture. The Valley Inn which was recently painted was complemented by nice outdoor timber furniture. The Post Office, Ahernes and GAA Grounds also deserve mention for good presentation. There is a fine example of a traditional two-storey Irish residence in the centre of the village. On the negative side the rusty corrugated roofed building referred to in last year's report has not been treated.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The standard here was quite good with a nice landscaping feature at the Cappamore/Limerick entrance to the village making the introduction to the village appealing. The Pitch and Putt Course opposite Glenstal Abbey is a landscape attraction in its own right. The monument could do with a little weeding and brightening up as it was little dull on adjudication day. Most open spaces were managed in an effective manner.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The area is a haven for a variety of wildlife species and ideal for nature walks and trails. It is good to see that efforts are being made to guarantee progress in this category by providing a facility in the amenity park. The two year plan no doubt outlines in detail future work under this category.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was acceptable, there was too much litter to be

seen around Gilmartin Park. Keep spreading the gospel of good litter control. It is important that the pleasant aspects of the village are not spoiled by poor litter control.

## **TIDINESS**

Murroe is a compact and tidy village with very little in the way of dereliction. It is hope that political parties will remove fly posting, if not they should reminded to do so.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Gilmartin Park, which is normally kept well, was a little untidy with grass cuttings strewn around the places compounded by the fact that the area was enlivened by kids enjoying themselves on a fine summer's evening. The Rent an Irish Cottage was kept to a high standard.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

There is a beautiful entrance to Murroe from the Clare Glens with impressive Pitch and Putt Course, the imposing and stately entrance to Glenstal Abbey complemented by mature trees and shrubs. The other entrances while not having the same natural attractions were also well presented with grass verges and hedgerows cut and treated in an appropriate manner. Signage for the most part was in good condition and not obscured by overgrown hedgerows.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

One cannot but be impressed by Murroe, it is compact and has additional natural features. It was suggested that in last year's report that a little more street furniture would be welcome just to allow people to rest up and enjoy the tranquillity if the weather allows.