

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COOLBAWN QUAY**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	21	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	--
Litter Control	40	20	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	170	--

Coolbawn Quay, Tipperary N.R.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Coolbawn Quay is an imaginative and innovative tourism development achieved by the reconstruction of a 19th century traditional Irish village on the shores of Lough Derg. This complex consists of houses for rent as self-catering units for visitors, shops and a pub. From the application form and diagram received we noted that there is also to be a decked area facing the marina/harbour at the village. The decked area was in place but the Marina/Harbour was not operational on the day of adjudication as large scale construction work was taking place and there was no water in the harbour area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings in the village have been laid out, not in rows or semi-circles, but in a true rather haphazard village style. As mentioned, they are a reconstruction of a typical Irish village and are attractive in design. We noted that the village has its own Postal collection box. However, the complex overall did not appear completed as the shops were not functioning and work was ongoing in this area.

LANDSCAPING

Around the houses and by the Marina area, attractive landscaping has been undertaken and it was noted that the flowers and planting used are those of an Irish village and Irish landscape. Tree planting has also been undertaken on the roadway in to the village. However, at the entrance from the "main " road the grassed areas here were rather overgrown and untidy.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The planting already undertaken contribute in this section. We note that some 27 varieties of bird life have been identified in the vicinity. With the lakeside and the quiet rural surroundings of the village there is a broad canvas to be worked on.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter in evidence on the day of adjudication. However, a complex such as this would not have the normal litter pressures that other villages would experience.

TIDINESS

Overall tidiness was good, although some weed control was

needed in certain areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Well maintained with nice gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surface from the "main road" to the complex is rather rough in areas and no doubt will be improved in time. Pub and Shops did not have signage for identification purposes. The pump and seating features on the roadway around the village were noted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is an attractive development set in very peaceful rural surroundings on the shore of Lough Derg. Obviously great thought has been put into the design and layout of the complex and there is a desire that Coolbawn Quay evolve, as far as possible, into a normal Irish village. However, it was a difficult village to judge on a Tidy Towns Competition basis as there did not appear to be any permanent residents in the complex - in fact there were no residents around at all on the day of adjudication. Also, as mentioned above, there was quite an amount of work still being carried out in a number of areas around the village and at the lakeshore.