

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GARRYKENNEDY**  
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	34	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>234</b>

## **Garrykennedy, County Tipperary N.R.**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the comprehensive material received and also excellent map showing where your efforts have been focussed during the year. Garrykennedy has addressed each category in the Competition to the full. As the village continues to progress, the few items still needing attention become more obvious and hopefully in the not too distant future will be eliminated by working in partnership with all agencies and the community as a whole in Garrykennedy.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Larkins and Ciss Ryan's Pubs are both well presented and contribute to the Tidy Towns effort. The toilets at the harbour were quite clean and the screening planting here is very imaginative but the battered refuse bin inside should be replaced. The area with the telephone kiosk and informational map is very well maintained. In regard to the derelict house in the centre of the village which is causing you problems, we noted that a considerable amount of slates are missing on this and the building is going to deteriorate further quite quickly unless something is done soon. The good wooden fencing and gates around the village were remarked upon as was the new information sign at the Castle. The black and yellow safety barriers, bollards and water tap-stand at the harbour still need to be painted as mentioned in last year's report.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaped areas near the harbour were immaculate and were being enjoyed by visitors during the adjudicators visit. The restoration of the old well was noted and the considerable planting of flowers on wall tops and throughout the village was admired. It hasn't happened as yet, but do be wary of over prettifying or gilding the lily.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Garrykennedy and surrounds is a natural wildlife area and we note that you are assisting this process by providing a designated wildlife sanctuary.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was no litter to be seen in Garrykennedy on the day of adjudication and in a village that attracts so many visitors this is a great achievement. At the harbour and throughout the village it is obvious that litter management occurs on a regular basis.

## **TIDINESS**

The village was mostly neat and tidy but in the garden of a private house, directly opposite Ciss Ryans and very visible to visitors, quite an amount of black plastic was thrown around the garden. There were no kerbside weeds to be seen throughout Garrykennedy on the day of adjudication.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most private houses appear to be fully committed to the Tidy Towns effort.

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

Approach roads are well maintained and road surfaces good throughout the village. The new stone village sign (in Irish and English) was admired on the Portroe approach.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Garrykennedy is now a village that is a delight to visit. We look forward to further achievements in the years ahead.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/99)**

The attractive and extremely busy village of Garrykennedy sports a magnificent view to Lough Derg on its approach from Portroe. Both Ryans and Larkins were very fresh and well presented – the former with its creeper-clad walls and the latter with its attractive red window frames. Garrykennedy has a wealth of charming cottages to its village centre. The harbour area was well presented – the barriers and bollards obviously having been freshly painted since first adjudication day. A minor point would be that the litter bin by the well was quite overflowing – litter bins should be emptied every day due to the vast number of visitors attracted to the village.