

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **PORTROE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	29	30
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	196

Portroe, Tipperary N.R.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your comprehensively completed application form and excellent colour coded map showing where your endeavours were focussed during the year. It is obvious the commitment to maintaining and developing the village to its potential is great in Portroe and that you have a good working relationship with the Local Authority, FAS and the local schools as mentioned. You mention a five year Development Plan which you are working to but this was not included. No doubt this is monitored and revised as necessary.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Mostly the premises in the village such as the Texaco Station, the Church, the School, the Arra Inn and the no name pub/restaurant next to it, together with the GAA premises and surrounds were well presented. It is good to see that the derelict premises in the middle of the village is for sale and hopefully will be refurbished by next year. A new wooden shopfront at Shouldice's Lounge, Shop and Post Office would be very beneficial to the overall appearance of the village and some painting of doors etc at the Garda Barracks would also be recommended.

LANDSCAPING

The colourful wooden flower tubs throughout the village and surrounds and especially the wooden wheelbarrow overflowing with pansies were admired. The use of windowboxes for colour throughout is also a feature. The new and maturing hedging and tree planting gives a very pleasant aspect to the village. On the Nenagh road the roadside planting and landscaping is good. However, grass needed to be cut on one side of the road (taking place on day of adjudication). The pump feature and water hydrant in the Tipperary colours were noted! - do paint to brighten them up. At the Parish Hall we noted that creepers are starting to take hold and "soften" this building somewhat - this process could be extended. The grey wooden tubs situated outside one premises could be planted for more colour. Tubs like this should be overflowing with flowers and colour.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We note that you have plans for the "little forest" in future. In the meantime, the grassed areas, flower planting and hedge and tree sowing contribute to this section.

LITTER CONTROL

We note that you obtained three new good quality litter bins during the year and that these are strategically placed throughout the village. Certainly, there was very little evidence of litter on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

The village is mostly tidy throughout and also weedfree.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses and houses in estates are mostly playing their full part in the Tidy Towns effort with a couple of notable exceptions. We noted three new houses in the course of construction. No doubt these new residents will be encouraged to complete their premises and grounds to a high standard and indeed, invited to join with you in your future endeavours.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

We noticed the footpath resurfacing which took place during the year which is commendable. Signage in the village and on approaches was clean and well maintained including the new Lake Drive signs and your "Slan and Drive Carefully" signs are a nice idea. The top of one of the speed signs on the Garrykennedy approach was bent over on the day of adjudication.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Portroe is obviously a village that knows where it is going and will continue to make improvements in the years ahead, thereby making it a pleasant place to live and a good place to visit.