

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ANNACARTY**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	174	168

Annacarty, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The entry form and the map was most useful on adjudication day. The following should be read within the context of the report of last year's adjudicator and by way of comment on progress to date.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As last year, your public buildings - the church, community centre and school - were again well presented as indeed were the business premises. In a small community the presentation of such premises in the Tidy Towns Competition is very important. Congratulations to all concerned. The wall of the GAA grounds on the Cappawhite road could certainly do with some softening by way of ivy or creepers. If you get an opportunity you could look at what Emly has done in a similar situation.

LANDSCAPING

Where presented flower beds looked extremely well and were in full bloom on adjudication day. The area around the monument was nicely presented and indeed throughout the village. Window boxes and hanging baskets were nice to see. As such Annacarty does not have many open spaces but where they are available do consider planting them with trees and shrubs which will give them some colour on an all-year-round basis. Flower beds are very nice for a short period but require high maintenance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading have been noted. The thinking however is that a committee would designate a site in or near the adjudication area which could be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. Should you decide to do this please include this information in next year's entry form for the benefit of the adjudicator.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter to be seen on adjudication day. This was slightly better than last year so well done to all concerned. This is an important part of the Competition and needs constant monitoring.

TIDINESS

The village was presented in a neat and tidy manner which again reflects on the interest of your Committee and the

involvement of local residents in preserving the environment in which they live.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses looked extremely well. Many had lovely gardens which were in full bloom.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads were reasonably well presented. Adjudication normally takes place from the town nameplate inwards and road verges and hedges along those areas should be constantly monitored. This is an important part of the Competition as very often approach roads set the tone for the rest of the village. Within the village streets and paving appeared to be well maintained

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression was one of a neat and tidy village being well looked after by caring residents. Your plan for 1999 is excellent and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing the results of this next year. In terms of landscaping, please do get the best advice you can either from a local expert or from your Local Authority. Should you decide to proceed with a wildlife project, you might consider contacting the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. Further information on this topic is available in the Tidy Towns Handbook. Keep up the good work.