

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAPPAWHITE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	27	24
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	198	190

Cappawhite, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information on the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Not unlike last year's adjudicator, it is now some years since this adjudicator visited Cappawhite and the improvements are indeed very noticeable. It is also gratifying to read that you have the continued support of your County Council, FAS, ESB, Telecom Eireann, local schools, your local tourism development group and the Community Council. Last year you received an in-depth report from the adjudicator. The following should be read therefore in the context of that report and is by way of comment on progress made.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your public buildings again looked extremely well - the church, the old church, the Garda Station and the school. Congratulations to all concerned. There is still some dereliction to be seen. You should consult with your Local Authority on this as they have some powers in the matter. In the main, many commercial premises looked exceptionally well. Some however could do with a new coat of paint. The new wall beside the GAA park was seen and is excellent. Work was continuing on it on adjudication day. Your village centre makes a wonderful sight and was well worth all the disruption which it probably caused at the early stages. The lamp standards really set everything off. It is indeed a showpiece and could very well be copied by many other towns and villages in Ireland. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

The planting near the church and at the car park was excellent. The grotto and the landscaping beyond is exceptional. All this plus the village centre renewal creates a wonderful ambience for those living in and visiting Cappawhite. Your comments under this heading were noted and observed on adjudication day.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Again your comments regarding your involvement with Multeen Tourism were noted. While this is an excellent project it may not come within the adjudication area. The thinking at the moment is that a committee should select a site either in or near the adjudication area which could be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. In that event perhaps you would give some detail of this when

making your entry next year so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. Alternatively or as well do indicate the site being developed by Multeen Tourism.

LITTER CONTROL

Cappawhite was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned.

This is an important aspect of the Competition and must be continuously monitored. The installation of new litter bins was also noted.

TIDINESS

Some of the comments made under this heading by last year's adjudicator are still applicable. But in general Cappawhite was presented in a neat and tidy manner. This reflects very well on the regard that the residents of Cappawhite have for their environment and for the village in which they live.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general, residential areas looked well and it is nice to read that you have the full co-operation and continue to support the work of local residents. Individual homes were very well presented. Some had lovely gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. In a small community this is a very important aspect of the Competition.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Limerick was very well presented with evidence of work being carried out on adjudication day. Similarly the road from Tipperary looked well. Surfaces and paths in general are being well maintained although some pathways could do with renewal. Adjudication normally takes place between the town/village nameplates or speed limit signs and it would be important that approach roads from thereon in look well as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Comments made by last year's adjudicator under this heading still apply particularly those in relation to the concrete walls at the GAA park.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Cappawhite is one of a neat and tidy village. Exceptional work has been done on the village square - a wonderful achievement. Your plans for the next three years are as equally ambitious. It should be much easier from now on to motivate local people to get involved when it can be seen what can be done collectively in a small community for their betterment.