

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	16
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	20	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	13	10
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	18
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	166	150

Cloneen, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information sent with the entry form and the map was most useful. In spite of the fact that your Committee is quite small you have, nevertheless, been able to achieve quite an amount both in terms of development and arousing interest in the Competition. It is gratifying to see that you have the support of your Local Authority.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and its surrounds, the GAA Club, your National School and the Cloneen Sports and Social Club were very well presented on adjudication day. All these are being well maintained and congratulations are due to all concerned. Commercial premises in the village also looked well.

LANDSCAPING

Flower beds where presented looked extremely well. The area around McGrath's Bar in particular was delightful and great credit is due to the proprietors. As Cloneen does not have very many open spaces you might, for the future, think in terms of additional window boxes, hanging baskets and tubs of flowers. Where space is available consider planting trees and shrubs of a flowering nature which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. In this instance you might consult with your Local Authority who normally have some expertise in such matters.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You do not indicate on your entry form that you have carried out a project under this heading. The Committee might consider designating an area close to or in the adjudication area which would be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. Should you embark on such a project you might consult the notes in the Tidy Towns Handbook and, perhaps, contact with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. You could mention this on your entry form next year giving a location so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime you will receive a nominal mark under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Cloneen was practically litter-free on adjudication day. This reflects great credit on all concerned and shows that the citizens of Cloneen have a high level of interest in their environment. This is an important aspect of the Competition which needs continuous monitoring.

TIDINESS

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and again congratulations are due to all concerned. The open area beside the Church however looked somewhat untidy and contained a heap of sand. This is an area which would lend itself very nicely to landscaping.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are not very many houses in Cloneen but those that are there looked very well. Some had very nice gardens in full bloom which created a nice ambience in the village. This too is an important part of the Competition as a centre cannot hope to succeed without the involvement of individual house owners.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general, approach roads looked reasonably well. Some could have done with additional hedge and verge cutting. This too is an important part of the Competition as the condition of approach roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Adjudication normally takes place either between the village nameplates or the speed limit signs and the condition of the verges and hedgerows from thereon in needs to be monitored regularly. Roads through the village are being well maintained and have good surfaces. The walls on the Kilkenny approach, which otherwise looked very well, need some repairs to them which will further enhance their appearance.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cloneen is a very pleasant village with a nice atmosphere and can do well in the Competition. Your Committee would need to give some thought as to what you might be able to achieve over the next 3 to 5 years and draw up a plan accordingly. Try to do as much as you can each year within your physical and financial resources and get the best advice you can from your Local Authority, FAS and your Regional Tourism Authority based in Waterford City. The latter organisation also run a Tidy Towns Seminar each year with specialist guest speakers. You might find that attendance at this seminar would be very useful. Well done to all concerned and keep up the good work.