

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	171

Clonoulty, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information supplied with the entry form was most useful. We note however that a map was not included with your entry form. The map is important, irrespective of whether structural changes have taken place or not, as it helps the adjudicator to identify where new developments may have taken place which should be marked on the map. This is particularly applicable in a situation where there is a new adjudicator as has happened this year. Do consider the 3 to 5 year development plan as suggested in previous reports. This can be simply done possibly in conjunction with your Local Authority. In the event please enclose a copy with next year's entry form.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and School are being well maintained as indeed is the Community Hall. The attractive Church of Ireland building also looked well as did the two Cemeteries close-by which are also being well maintained. Business premises in the village were equally well presented. Congratulations to all concerned. Stone walls interspersed with flowers are to be admired and are a nice feature in Clonoulty.

LANDSCAPING

Where presented this looked extremely well and you are now benefiting from trees and shrubs planted in the past. The open space on the Ardmayle approach did, however, need trimming and some of the flower beds in or near the School looked like they needed attention. The open landscape area on the Holy Cross road looked extremely well but the seat needs a coat of paint. Tubs of flowers and hanging baskets, where presented, appear to be well maintained and add greatly to the ambience of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

While Clonoulty is situated in a lovely rural setting the thinking is that a Committee should designate a location in or near the adjudication area which can be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. Information on this can be had in the Tidy Towns Handbook. You might also, in the event, consult with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. Should you decide on such a project for next year please mention it in the entry form, giving the location so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime you will continue to receive a nominal mark under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Clonoulty was practically litter-free on adjudication day. There was however some slight evidence of litter in the vicinity of the old Church of Ireland building and the cemetery. This is an important part of the Competition and needs constant monitoring.

TIDINESS

In general Clonoulty was presented in a neat and tidy manner. As mentioned in last year's report there is still some evidence of weeding particularly on the approach road opposite the Statoil Service Station. Perhaps this is an area where your FAS workers can get involved.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses looked very well and some had very nice gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. This is an important part of the Competition as in a small area, it is very difficult to make progress unless you have full support of your local residents.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Y junction referred to in previous reports is still somewhat unsightly. A nice flower bed in the open area there would create a nice impression on this approach to the village. Otherwise approach roads were, generally speaking, reasonably well presented. This also is an important part of the Competition. Adjudication normally takes place from the village nameplates inwards and hedgerows and verges from thereon need constant monitoring. The condition of approach roads very often sets the tone for the rest of the village. Streets within the village looked well and footpaths are being well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall, Clonoulty is making good steady progress in the Competition. A realistic 3 to 5 year plan however is necessary. Try to do as much as you can on a year-to-year basis within your physical and financial resources. Your Regional Tourism Authority, based in Waterford, also run an annual Tidy Towns Seminar at which they have specialist guest speakers. This is worth attending as you can learn a lot from it. Also visit other centres like Kilsheelan and Emly and meet with the Committees there. They will be only too glad to discuss with you the progress which they made from small beginnings. In the meantime, keep up the good work.