

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	18
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>188</b>

## **Drangan, County Tipperary South**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It was indeed gratifying to see that you continue to have the support of your local community and your Local Authority. You have received an in-depth report from the adjudicator last year. The following should be read from the context of that report and is by way of comment on progress to-date.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As last year all your public buildings including the Church, the National School and the Community Centre all looked exceptionally well as indeed did their surroundings including the Cemetery. The Village Pump and the Michael Cusack monument add enhancement under this heading. It is felt however that the blue background at the Grotto needs to be repainted. Commercial premises again looked exceptionally well. Congratulations to all concerned. In a small community this type of co-operation is absolutely essential if any success is to be achieved in this Competition.

### **LANDSCAPING**

All your comments under this heading were noted and observed. Your "Bed of Roses" project was in full bloom on adjudication day as indeed were the many tubs of flowers, window boxes and hanging baskets which looked exceptionally well and give an ambience to the whole village. If you are contemplating further landscaping please think of flowering trees and shrubs that will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your comments under this heading were noted. The thinking is that a Committee should designate a location close to or within the adjudication area which can be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. The Tidy Towns Handbook has some suggestions in this respect. In addition you should consult the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. Should you decide on such a project please make a note of it on your entry form next year indicating where the location is so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime, you will continue to get a nominal mark under this heading.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

On adjudication day Drangan was practically litter-free. This is an important part of the Competition and requires

constant monitoring. Having your school children involved is a major achievement.

## **TIDINESS**

As last year Drangan was presented in a neat and tidy manner and again, congratulations to all concerned. This, without doubt, reflects the involvement of each householder and their interest in their environment and is to be highly commended. There are some untidy areas in the vicinity of commercial premises which, in the long-term, will need to be resolved.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Hillview estate again looked well and their open spaces are being well maintained. Individual houses throughout the village were excellent; some had wonderful gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. Congratulations are again due to all concerned.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Not unlike last year the Killenaule road was well presented. The other roads did need attention. Please bear in mind that adjudication takes place usually from the town or village nameplates inwards and hedgerows and verges from these points have to be constantly monitored. This is an important part of the Competition as approach roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Road surfaces appear to have improved somewhat, you might continue to liaise with your Local Authority in this regard.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You obviously have an excellent hard-working Committee and a Community who are proud of their environment. The advice at this stage is that you draw up a 3 to 5 year plan. This can be done simply in conjunction with your Local Authority and can be implemented on a year-to-year basis within your physical and financial resources. Think in terms of further landscaping, improvement to approach roads and general tidiness which, in the event, is bound to get you additional marks in the Competition. Should you provide such a plan please send it with your entry form next year for the adjudicator's use. Your Regional Tourism Authority [based in Waterford City] also runs a Tidy Towns Seminar each year with special guest speakers. You would find this very useful as indeed would be a visit to Kilsheelan or Emly to study what they achieved from small beginnings. In the meantime keep up the good work and congratulations on your efforts to date.