

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	29	26
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	219	211

Emly, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for all the information submitted with your entry form and indeed for the map identifying new developments, all of which was most useful on adjudication day. You received an in-depth report from last year's adjudicator. The following therefore should be read in the context of that report and by way of comment on progress made during this year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Again, as last year, the Church, Community Centre, Credit Union, School and Creamery were very well presented and we were pleased to note that the latter project has now been completed. Commercial premises in the village again looked resplendent. Congratulations to all concerned. The 'Passage Through Time' project is indeed a wonderful effort. Congratulations to the senior pupils of your school and the artist involved.

LANDSCAPING

All the sites marked on your map were visited as indeed were many of the older sites. The flower and shrub planting at the junction of the Knocklong and Balliverse Road is exceptional and presents a wonderful display of colour. The grotto is to be admired as indeed are all the other landscaped areas which are the result of imaginative planning some years ago. The area around the GAA park is to be commended and indeed would be an example to many other similar facilities throughout the country.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading have been noted. The thinking at the moment is that the Committee should identify an area either close to or within the adjudication area which can be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. Should you decide to embark on such a project, please make contact with a local environmental expert or the Irish Wildlife Conservancy who will be glad to give help and advice. In this respect there is some information in the Tidy Towns Handbook. In the event of deciding on such a project, please indicate its location when sending in next year's entry form so that the adjudicator can see it.

LITTER CONTROL

Emly was practically litter-free on adjudication day, when litter collection in progress was noted. Congratulations to

all concerned. This is an important part of the Competition and needs continuous monitoring.

TIDINESS

Emly was presented in a very neat and tidy manner on adjudication day. This reflects greatly on the local community who are to be congratulated.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estates are being kept very well and the prominence of litter bins was noticed. Individual houses were also extremely well presented. Many had beautiful gardens in full bloom. Under this heading it is obvious that you have the full support of local residents. In a small community this is absolutely essential and all concerned are to be praised for their efforts.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads in general looked well and there was evidence on adjudication day of work being done. The approach road from Tipperary was delightful. Approach roads are an important part of the Competition as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Emly is a delightful place and a pleasure to visit. It can be seen by just looking around that the village inhabitants have a great pride in their environment and in the efforts that your Committee are making, which in turn is being reflected in the progress which Emly has made in the Competition over the last five years. Your 3 year plan is excellent. Try to do something every year, within physical and financial resources. Emly will undoubtedly continue to do well in the Competition.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (14/08/99)

The unceasing work put in over the years by this imaginative and hardworking committee has reached a very important point. It is unusual for such a steep increase in marks to occur at the higher level of the competition, but the marks recommended by the first adjudicator have been thoroughly endorsed by the second – and the second adjudicator has added a further mark under Wildlife and Natural Amenities because of the nesting-boxes, the special planting which recognises the butterfly habitat, and the fact that further plans are under way in this category. On second adjudication day it was seen that some houses and boundary walls in Galtee View need freshening up with

paint and the Local Authority should be notified about the need for resurfacing of the same street, but these are relatively minor matters. The choice of colour in the planting throughout the town was a real pleasure to see in early August. Congratulations on your achievement.