

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>170</b>

## **Knockavilla, County Tipperary South**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The information sent with the entry form and accompanying map were most useful on adjudication day. The adjudicator last year gave you an in-depth report: the following therefore should be read in the context of that report and by way of comment on progress to-date. It is gratifying to read that you do have good local sponsorship and are receiving help from the Local Authority and from FAS.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Knockavilla does not have many major premises but, as last year, both the church and community hall looked well. The school was also well presented and the business premises are being well kept. The grotto is very nice and is being well maintained. The restored stone wall was also noted. The telephone kiosk looks very unsightly and your comments regarding your communication with Telecom Eireann have been noted.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Knockavilla does not have many open spaces for the purpose of landscaping but is fortunate in having many trees growing in the vicinity of the village. Planting around the church and community hall looks well as does the flowers and shrubs in the grotto.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You do not mention in your report that you have undertaken a project under this heading. The thinking is that the Committee might identify a site in or close to the adjudication area which could be preserved and developed for the attraction of wildlife. Information on this is in the Tidy Towns Handbook. In the event of you going ahead with such a project you would be well advised to consult with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. If a wildlife project is undertaken for next year please indicate this with your entry form and identify the locally so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime you will receive a nominal mark under this heading.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

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

This is an important aspect of the Competition which needs constant monitoring.

### **TIDINESS**

The kerbside weed mentioned in last year's report appears to have been eliminated. On adjudication day Knockavilla was presented in a very neat and tidy manner which reflects greatly on its residents who obviously are very proud of their environment. Congratulations are again due to all concerned.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual houses looked well and some had very nice gardens which were in full bloom. In a small village community this is a very important aspect of the Competition and it is nice to know that you have the full support of local residents in this respect.

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

Most approaches looked reasonably well but this is also an aspect of the Competition which needs careful monitoring. The adjudication area is normally from the town or village nameplate inwards and grass edges and verges need to be trimmed on an on-going basis from these signs to the edge of the village. This is important as very often approach roads set the tone for the rest of the village. Road surfaces are good and pathways in the village appear to be well maintained.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Knockavilla is a lovely village with obviously a caring community who are very proud of their environment. Your plan is excellent. You need however to liaise closely with Tipperary SR County Council regularly basis on the basis of the content of the plan. You might try to do a certain amount each year within your physical and financial resources. In addition, and should the opportunity arise, visit other centres such as Kilsheelan and Emly and study what they have achieved from small beginnings. In the meantime keep up the good work.