

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NEWCASTLE-TIPPERARY STH**  
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	21	16
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Newcastle-Tipperary Sth, County** **Tipperary South**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The information sent on the application form and accompanying map were most useful. It was very interesting to read your comments and gratifying to know that you have the support of the Local Authority, FAS, local voluntary groups, the GAA, the ICA, the local National School and many other organisations. You will have received from last year's adjudicator an in-depth report. The following therefore should be taken as comment on further progress to-date and be read in conjunction with the 1998 report.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Your public buildings - notably the church, the medieval church, the community centre and the school, were again very well presented. The cemetery is also being very well maintained. This is very commendable. Some of the comments made under this heading last year are still applicable and should be acted upon. Some commercial premises need a coat of paint.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The GAA grounds looked extremely well as did the grounds of the school and community centre. The landscaping on the Ardfinnan approach was also noted as was the Round Tower flowerbeds on the Clogheen road. In both cases they present a nice welcoming atmosphere and looked extremely well. Congratulations to all concerned. The ornamental rockery at the Liam Lynch housing estate was also well presented as were the other items mentioned in your report.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your comments regarding the guided walks were noted. Present thinking is that your Committee might consider adopting a specific area either in or close to the village for the preservation and encouragement of wildlife. In that event perhaps you would send details of this project with your entry form for next year so that the adjudicator can have sight of it.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

It was gratifying to see that, on adjudication day, Newcastle was practically litter-free. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring. However in your case congratulations are again due to all concerned for a magnificent effort.

### **TIDINESS**

Again, as in the case of litter control, the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and would appear to have shown improvements on last year. There were no major irregularities to be seen.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

While some houses look like they need a coat of paint the standard, nevertheless, of the remainder was extremely high which reflects the collective pride of the village residents in presenting their village in the best light. Open areas in Liam Lynch Terrace were very nicely cut and presented. Many individual houses had excellent gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day.

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

Approach roads to Newcastle are being very well kept and nicely trimmed. In the village itself footpaths and roads are in good condition. The appearance of approach roads is very important in the competition as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression is one of a very nice village, admittedly with a few problems in terms of painting and decoration of some commercial and private buildings, and, in some case a proliferation of signage. Beyond that the Committee are doing excellent work and your village is making steady progress in the competition.