

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NINE MILE HOUSE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-1999

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 25 | 25 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 30 | 29 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 12 | 12 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 28 | 27 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | 12 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 22 | 22 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 27 | 26 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 191 | 187 |

Nine-Mile-House, County Tipperary **South**

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The completed application form and map were most helpful. While Nine-Mile-House is a small village, nevertheless a 3 / 5 year plan, as mentioned in last year's adjudication, would be helpful, particularly if it could be done in conjunction with your Local Authority. In the event ,perhaps you would forward a copy of the plan next year with your entry form. As it is now some time since the adjudicator visited Nine-Mile-House in that capacity and since you received an in-depth report last year, the following comments are a progress report to be read in conjunction with last year's adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Practically all the comments in last year's report under this heading are still applicable. Nine-Mile-House continues to be a delightful place of unique character. The Post Office, Freeney's Pub, the Grand Inn and the grotto are being beautifully maintained and were very well presented on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

The areas surrounding the cemetery, the Post Office and the grotto are exceptional as indeed are the landscaping projects on the Main road. All looked exceptionally well on adjudication day. When concentrating on future landscaping you might think in terms of trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Flower beds look lovely but only for a very short time and are also very demanding in terms of maintenance. In terms of any large scale landscaping do make contact with your Local Authority who have expertise in the matter.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We note that you have not undertaken a project as such under this heading. The thinking at present is that you might consider designating an area in or close to the village which you would preserve and maintain for the purpose of attracting/retaining existing wildlife. In that event perhaps you would mention that specifically in next year's report so that the adjudicator can carry out a sighting. In the meantime, you will continue to receive a nominal mark under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Nine-Mile-House was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Again, congratulations to all concerned. This is an important aspect of the competition which needs constant monitoring.

TIDINESS

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and on the basis of the comments in last year's report, some improvements have also been made.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Again this year individual houses were very well presented. Some had excellent gardens. This is obviously a strong point in your Tidy Towns effort without which you cannot succeed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approaches on the Main roads and the Kilcash road were excellent. Roads in the village and pathways are being very well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Despite of a heavy throughput of passing traffic Nine-Mile-House continues to retain its rural charm which is entirely due to the efforts of local people assisted by your Local Authority. All concerned are again to be congratulated.