

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CAPPOQUIN**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	38
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>202</b>

## **Cappoquin, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your entry form and your detailed map which was very much appreciated and most useful on adjudication day. Again, it is good to see that you have a reasonable number of persons on your Committee. No doubt you probably would need more help and assistance and perhaps you might approach the various organisations and sports clubs in the town to join the Committee in helping to improve your town and environment. You continue to co-operate with the County Council and you involve young people in your efforts. It is nice to see their energy and interest harnessed by your Committee. Other sources of help are the Regional Tourism Authority, FÁS, Telecom Éireann, ESB and the National Rehabilitation Board, who will have some help and assistance to give you. It is good to note that you have the support of SuperValu and also donations from individual retailers.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The overall standard of maintenance remains good, but obviously there is more that can and will be done. The Garda Station and Fire Station again continue to be maintained in excellent condition. The shrubs and flowers are well cared for and the grass is neat and tidy. The Church of Ireland continues to be well presented and the Catholic Church along side it again is well presented, but as mentioned last year, it does need to be painted at this stage. Both the banks continue to be maintained in both a neat and tidy condition. The AIB has a delightful selection of roses and plants. Most of the pubs are well maintained with some being refurbished and the Central Bar and O'Flynn's looking particularly well. The SuperValu supermarket continues to be presented well as does the Post Office. The Chemist and Credit Union buildings are all kept well. The creepers on the wall of the GAA field continues to mature and within the next few years should cover almost all of it. The Primary School continues to be maintained very well, but the timber railing does need treatment. The Grotto at the junction of the Mount Melleray road was again well presented and the shrubs cared for. The school buildings in the town do need attention as mentioned in last year's report. Again, some plastic signage remains and no doubt these property owners will be refurbishing their premises sooner rather than later and will put up suitable signage.

## **LANDSCAPING**

Work is continuing on the twig bog and should improve this area when completed. The landscaping again this year is very good and you have continued to work on it. The roses at the Square in the centre of the town are very well maintained. The rose bed at the Grotto again is well preserved but the grass behind the railing needs to be cut. The green area in front of the houses in Mill Street is well maintained with some delightful roses. The flower containers at the "Cappoquin" sign on the approach road to the town from Dungarvan does need painting.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The main habitats which you have in Cappoquin are hedges, wetland, woodland and grassland. No doubt you have an expert in your area who would be able to give you great help with this aspect of the Competition. Contact the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. They will again be only too glad to give help and advice. There is also some useful information on this aspect of the Competition contained in the Tidy Towns Handbook which was sent to your Committee this year. It contains some very useful information on getting started. As mentioned again last year, the twig bog is a valuable source of wild habitat for your area. By working on this aspect of the Competition it will add greatly to your town and area.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

It is good to see that your Tidy Towns Committee and the Local Committee co-operate with the Local Authority ensuring that Cappoquin is helping to create a litter-free town. However, on the day of adjudication, there were some pieces of litter to be seen by the schools and the houses across the road from the schools and also continuing up that road towards the Grotto. This is a very important aspect of the Competition and needs constant monitoring. Perhaps, you may need more litter bins in the right place. You are involving the schools and perhaps you should also seek involvement from youth organisations such as Foroige, Macra, Scouts and Youth Clubs, etc, many of which encourage servicing the Community as one of their objectives.

## **TIDINESS**

The control of weed growth at kerbs and at the base of buildings continues to be very good. When the Twig project is completed it will make this area look tidier, although there is still considerable tidying up to be done in that area.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the residential areas off Cappoquin continue to be

maintained to a high standard. Houses in Mill Street are painted lovely colours on them and blend in very well. The houses opposite the School and continuing up from the School are all very attractive and the level of maintenance is very good. Again, boundary walls and fences continue to be maintained, although there is an odd one here and there which does need treatment. Throughout the town there continues to be some uninhabited and derelict houses and you have mentioned those in your application form. Do liaise with the County Council regarding this element and no doubt a solution will be found. Most of the residents of the town have put in a huge effort and are to be commended. A good effort has been made by the property owners on the green area, that is the street opposite Barron's Bakery. Many of the properties are painted nicely and had some flower displays. Well done to all concerned !

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

It was good to see that the footpaths on the Main Street had been improved and that more work is going to be done this year. Joint partnership between the Cappoquin Development Company and Waterford County Council is to be commended. Again when the Twig project is completed, it will improve this area with the footpaths and car park, etc. The stone walls from the Mount Melleray road could be cleaned to expose the stone. Gates in to fields and open spaces do need attention throughout. Also, some railings on the approach road would need repairs done to them. Most signs are clean and in good condition throughout.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You continue to do excellent work for the community and the business people. You have identified the problem areas and hopefully over the next few years a solution will be found. I would suggest that you have a look at the Tidy Towns Handbook. It will be of enormous help and, as already indicated, does contain some very useful information and guidance.