

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CHEEKPOINT**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	21
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	169	167

Cheekpoint, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form this year. It would help the adjudicator to supply a map of your village and mark on it, the projects and activities undertaken over the past year and completed for this year's Competition. It is noted that you are down from 7 to 5 members this year. You do need more people to help spread the workload of the Committee. Again, I would ask that the Committee would devise a 3 to 5 year working plan which will guide the Tidy Towns activities. The plan does not need to be an elaborate one, just a 3 to 5 page document setting out clearly the objectives for each year. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives. Much of the expertise needed will be found in your own Committee and much of the further advice that you might need will be available in your wider local community. I note from your application form that you are in contact with your County Council and FÁS. Perhaps you might also consult with the Regional Tourism Authority, the ESB, Telecom Éireann and the National Rehabilitation Board who will all have valuable advice to give you in preparing the plan. Also look at the Tidy Towns Handbook which was sent to your Committee this year. It contains some very useful information.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village is situated on the waters edge, which is most attractive. It is a small village and the built environment in the centre just contains McAlpine's Suir Inn which continues to be maintained very well with the flower planters and hanging baskets being kept in pristine condition. Maggie Butler's continues to be presented very well and had some nice containers of plants in front of the stone wall. The green area attached to it had lovely outdoor furniture and was maintained very well. The Church at Faithlegg again this year was presented very well and the gates were newly painted. The hedge was cut and the weeds at the wall were sprayed. The School continues to be presented to a high standard as does the Grotto. The grass in the open green space in the area by the water needed to be cut. A nice feature was the boat with the planting in it. Butler's Quay continues to remain in poor condition. It is untidy and needs to be cleaned up. The rusty boat is still anchored in the water and is an eyesore. On the right coming out of the village under the trees, some native wild plants could be planted here. It does need regular cutting. Again, the area behind the lay-by is overgrown and needs to be tidied.

LANDSCAPING

The boats and trailer should be removed from the open green space as it tends to spoil this amenity.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is plenty of scope for development under this category. The water and the vegetation in the village is a natural habitat for wildlife. Do seek local advice on this aspect and no doubt there is a local environmental expert in your area who would be delighted to get involved and provide you with advice. Also, contact the Irish Wildlife Conservancy who have lots of helpful advice to give on this matter. There is information available in the Tidy Towns Handbook relating to this important category. The main habitats that you could possibly have would be under the following areas:- wetland habitats; woodland and grassland.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter on the green, on the road towards the green and some pieces along the shore line. Perhaps you do need to take measures to encourage more public awareness of the damage caused by litter. Consult with your Local Authority about placing some more bins in the green area. It might help to have a regular clean up of litter and get the help of young people with this job. One should capitalise on their energy and interest.

TIDINESS

The control of weed growth at the kerbs was good overall. The open green spaces do need more regular cutting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residential properties are well maintained and that would include their walls and gardens. Some had delightful displays of flowers and had their properties painted in nice colours. There are some derelict properties which need some attention. Perhaps you could liaise with the Local Authority regarding this aspect. Attention to these properties would improve the overall appearance of the village. The new houses built in the area have almost all been landscaped and boundary walls built - this is be commended.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There was some nice new seating erected on the green and it looks very well indeed. The growth around the signs needs to be cut. Picnic tables and seating are maintained

in good condition. Some areas on the approach road to the village have been cut but other areas remain to be cut. The stone wall on the road to Maggie Butler's needs some repairs and if carried out, would improve the road and area enormously.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cheekpoint is located in a peaceful area and has a lovely location on the waters edge. As pointed out last year, it has great potential to make progress in the Competition. However, you do need more help to assist you with the work of your Committee. It will require continuous hard work by the whole community over the next couple of years. Do look for the support of all the residents in the village and no doubt they would love to make their contribution in helping to achieve further success in this Competition for the village.