

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLASHMORE**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 31 | 30 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 29 | 29 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 27 | 26 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 21 | 21 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 30 | 29 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 15 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 25 | 25 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 205 | 200 |

Clashmore, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information on the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that you still have the support of your Local Authority, FAS and your local community, the assistance of which are all important if you are to progress in the Competition. The involvement of your School Children is equally important and it is a great credit to all that Clashmore looked extremely well on adjudication day.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and grounds, the School and its environs, and the GAA grounds and car park were very well presented on adjudication day. The Grotto and Waterfall looked exceptionally well and was a blaze of colour. St Mochuas Well is being very well maintained but, as mentioned last year, requires interpretation. The area of the Distillery Chimney and the river looked splendid. Work on the restoration of the Old Church was seen and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing the finished project next year. Commercial premises in general continue to be very well maintained and have obviously entered into the spirit of the Competition.

LANDSCAPING

The River Park and Walk are undoubtedly a feature of Clashmore. Unfortunately one side of the Walk looked very untidy this year due to building taking place. However the adjudicator has allowed for this. It was disappointing however, having driven to the beginning to the Raheen Walk, to find that while the car park was reasonably well presented, the Walk itself appears to be totally overgrown. However it has to be said that this would be outside the immediate adjudication area. Nevertheless some attention needs to be given to the walk in the interest of visitors. The wall on the Clonmel approach continues to be somewhat unsightly. Your landscaping in general is excellent. Flower beds were in full bloom on adjudication day and looked extremely well. Tubs of flowers and hanging baskets also greatly enhance the ambience of the village. However many of the comments made in last year's report under this heading are still applicable.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading were noted. The thinking is that a Committee should designate an area

either close to or within the adjudication area for preservation and development for wildlife. In this connection the Tidy Towns Handbook maybe useful. You could also make contact with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. Either the Riverside Park Walk or the river area in the vacinity of the Distillery Chimney would, in the opinion of this adjudicator, be ideal for such a project. In the event would you make mention of it with next year's entry form and indicate the location so that the adjudicator can have sight of it.

LITTER CONTROL

Clashmore was practically litter-free on adjudication day. This reflects the tremendous interest which the residents of Clashmore obviously have in their environment. Congratulations to all concerned.

TIDINESS

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. While some of the comments made last year regarding advertising signs, etc are still applicable, nevertheless, the village looked extremely well with no major untidiness of any kind.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estate on the GAA road looked well but grass on the open space needed cutting. The broken kerbing also took away from the overall appearance of the estate as did some weeding. Seating at the grassed area could also do with a coat of paint. Individual houses in Clashmore looked exceptionally well. Many had wonderful gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. This is an important part of the Competition and needs the full support of all residents for the purpose of achieving additional marks. Comments made last year regarding co-ordinated colour schemes, etc are still applicable and might be a consideration for the future.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roads around Clashmore are being very well maintained and were nicely trimmed. This too is an important part of the Competition as approach roads seem to set the tone for the rest of the village. Road surfaces are quite good and streets and footpaths in the village are being well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Clashmore looked splendid on adjudication day and again, congratulations to all concerned. However, to gain further

marks in the Competition, you will need, from now on, to pay attention to detail. For that reason you do need to draw up a 3 to 5 year plan of further developments which can take place on a yearly basis within your physical and financial resources. This can be a simple plan, perhaps drawn up in conjunction with your Local Authority and FÁS. Your Regional Tourism Authority, based in Waterford City, can also be of help to you. They run an annual Tidy Towns Seminar with specialist guest speakers which is well worth attending. The adjudicator looks forward to returning to Clashmore again next year. You have a lovely village. Keep up the good work.