

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLONEA-POWER**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	17	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	--
Litter Control	40	19	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	16	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Clonea-Power, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you very much indeed for your entry form, map and your 3 to 5 year work programme. Your plan is an excellent one and sets out very clearly the tasks to be done under each category. You are indeed very welcome back to the Competition since your last year of entry in 1996. It was wonderful to see that your Committee has been reformed and that you have 20 members to work on the various aspects of your plan. One does look forward to the years ahead seeing the work done. The plan will be an excellent guide for your Committee and is something which can be built on over the coming years. Perhaps you might later on this year sit down with your plan and set out a number of targets from the plan which you hope to achieve each year. This should indeed yield results for you. It will no doubt help the presentation of your village, which will benefit the residents and the community at large.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

You have identified in your plan the buildings which need attention, such as the Parish Hall, the Primary School, Health Centre, GAA Centre and the Church. You have also listed the groups responsible for each of the above tasks. As indicated the Church gates and windows do need attention. It was good to see that you intend providing facilities for persons with mobility problems. Do liaise with the National Rehabilitation Board who will have some useful information to give you. I would also suggest that you look at the Tidy Towns Handbook which was sent to your Committee this year. It has some very useful information and could be helpful to you. The School continues to be well maintained and would perhaps need the planting of some more suitable trees. The Health Centre building itself needs to be painted and the open spaces on either side have to be cleaned up. It's entrance walls need to be painted and perhaps some landscaping could be done along the wire railing. The railings of the Parish Hall need to be painted and some more landscaping of the grounds would be a good idea.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Again your plans for landscaping do look very interesting, and will indeed enhance the whole village. The open space opposite the Church needs to be cleaned up. Perhaps there are plans for this to be used as a car park for persons using the Church. The open space at the Health Centre needs attention. Also the open space which is near the shop could be developed into a nice amenity. There is

lovely green vegetation in the form of plants and trees, etc surrounding the village and on both roads to the left and right, once one goes over the bridge. Very careful study should go in to the planting of trees. Take care not to plant them in poor positions, too close to buildings or too close together.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river is a very important asset as a wildlife habitat. You also have some woodlands, hedgerows and grass verges which provide a home to a host of plants and animals. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting and increasing the wildlife value of the community. Your plans for this indeed are excellent. Again, I would suggest that you look at the Tidy Towns Handbook, which has some excellent information, which could be of use to you and help you with this project. You will have fun discovering more about your environment and your activities will ensure that nature and wildlife will continue to have a place in your community.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

You have set out very clear objectives to prevent and control litter and measures to encourage the community about the awareness of the damage caused by litter pollution. Another issue to be considered would include the provision of litter bins, but, in the right place and also regular clean ups to tackle black spots. The overall control of litter to date is very good with just some small pieces scattered throughout the village. There were small pieces near the GAA field, at the Heath Centre and towards the houses there.

## **TIDINESS**

Again you have clearly identified what needs attention and how you are going to go about it. Overall the village is tidy with very little sign of weeds, thistles and nettles apart from the open space opposite the Church.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Overall most houses were presented very well. The number of houses in or near the village is small. Most of the houses above the GAA field are presented well, the open space there and the boundary walls do need attention. Some of the houses have delightful flower displays. Again you have identified the areas which need attention to properties and dwellings throughout the village. Perhaps you might get some advice from a colour consultant regarding the colours to be used on the houses and of course with agreement from the residents.

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

The verges on the approach roads were cut and tidy looking. The areas around the signs need to be cut. There is a nice stone wall on the approach road to the village towards the pub which could be exposed and cleaned from the 30mph speed limit sign to the village. I note from your plan that you have identified the need for a footpath linking the housing estate to the village centre.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The efforts which your Committee will make over the next few years under each of the adjudication criteria will certainly improve the presentation of your village. No doubt your efforts will enhance the overall presentation of it. Your plan is an excellent one and certainly could be used as an example for many villages and towns. Well done to all concerned and I wish you every success in the near future with your efforts and work.