

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKANANNA**
County : **WICKLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	207	200

Knockananna, County Wicklow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed questionnaire which is very detailed together with your map and your proposals for The Holy Cross. In terms of your three year plan you might set out what needs to be achieved each year. There is something unique about the village of Knockananna which you should be particularly proud of. It is obvious that there is a very strong community spirit in the village helped no doubt by voluntary clean ups and the assistance of Fas.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new 1798 monument was noted. Jacob's was freshly painted, the Wagon Wheel would have benefited from painting, the school grounds were nicely maintained; however the window frames would benefit from painting. The old and new church were well presented. Good luck with your plans to develop the Cross area next year.

LANDSCAPING

Extensive areas of landscaping were noted along the main street which were well cared for. However some weeds by the foot paths took from an otherwise tidy appearance. Tree planting was also noted on the green and picnic area. The green in front of the Old Folks Home was also noted. Continue your efforts in this regard.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Thank you for your comments in relation to wildlife and natural amenities. The emphasis should be on the conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitats and the environment. The committee needs to identify these habitats and decide on appropriate actions to enhance them. The guidelines in the Tidy Towns manual offers suggestions as to the type of initiative you might undertake.

LITTER CONTROL

The village generally had little litter throughout this year. It is good to see that areas outside the shops etc., were all litter free. Obviously this is not a major problem throughout the village, well done.

TIDINESS

Generally there is a tidy appearance; some road resurfacing would help to improve appearance of tidiness and also

perhaps some of the seating would benefit from painting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The adjudicator noted the new houses which had been developed. The new hall is almost completed. The new Thatch Village is also a very nice feature and congratulations to those who had the insight to develop this. Overall good individual efforts are evident throughout.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Generally, approach roads were quite good. Well maintained tree planting noted on several approaches, for example, along the Knocknasskeagh Road. The name plates were also noted and it was good to see the use of Irish. However, are the red bricks used in keeping with the village or could a more natural material which would blend in with the village and its surroundings area be used for the name plate in place of the redbrick?

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator enjoyed the visit to Knockananna. It's nice to arrive into the village and discover some very nice features, from the Thatch Village to the Modern Church. The efforts in term of the 1798 monument and the Holy Cross, suggests a strong community spirit which makes one want to stop and stay in the village. Continue your efforts here and good luck for next year.