

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **QUIN**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-06-21

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 36 | 35 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 30 | 29 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 32 | 30 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 29 | 30 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 14 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 22 | 22 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 218 | 215 |

Quin, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Quin is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your fine sketch map and information supplied. The village is looking exceptionally well and all of the work which has been completed in the last twelve months is a wonderful addition to the visual and recreational amenity value of Quin. We wish you well with your project regarding the new entrance by the OPW to Quin Abbey.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Well done on a number of buildings presented to a very high standard this year, St. Fineens Hall, the Credit Union, the Garda Station and many others. The Abbey Tavern continues to be presented to the highest standard also. The roadside boundary wall to the school could be cleaned a little. Siopa Péig looks very well but the posters in the window take a little from an otherwise good shopfront. The new apartment and civic office development beside the Credit Union will close the gap in the buildings and add to the overall integrity of the village as both this gap and the gable wall of the Abbey Tavern look quite unsightly when approaching the village.

LANDSCAPING

The newly landscaped areas on the Tulla road were much admired and are finished to a very high standard, well done! Landscaping throughout the village was nicely presented. Some flower containers had not yet been planted up but work was in progress on the day of adjudication. As you are aware, more permanent planting such as shrubs for year round interest are of greater value than flowerbeds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Outbreaks of wildflowers, (Oxeyedaisies on the Limerick road) and others across from the school were a welcome feature of the village during adjudication. The river and its banks are being maintained to a very high standard. We note from your application that you intend to organise a wildlife project for next year. The Tidy Towns Handbook contains excellent ideas for projects and advice / guidelines on how to get started. Good luck in your efforts.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good, however some litter bins need to be cleaned, particularly those on poles.

TIDINESS

Despite on-going construction work, the village had an overall air of tidiness. Some derelict buildings on the Tullow road might be planted with a flowering climbing plant or a variegated or coloured ivy to soften their visual impact. Weed growth along kerbs and roadside along the Ard Solus road looked untidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A number of roadside areas to boundary walls of residential properties on the Ard Solus road were in need of attention. No doubt the green areas marking the entrance to the new housing development on the Ard Solus road will be nicely landscaped together with gardens and the roadside areas surfaced. New town houses in the village centre look well as do most residential properties.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces and footpaths throughout the village are generally in good condition. Street furniture such as litter bins could be a little better presented and no doubt the ducting of service cables will take place in the not too distant future. A Limerick fingerboard needs to be replaced. The 'Ennis' entrance to the village looks remarkable with its neatly trimmed grass verges, attractive loose stone walls and newly planted trees. It's a little strange that the only exception is the small area around the nameplate which had been allowed to become overgrown. The speed limit signs on the Kilkishen road need to be realigned.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Quin is very favourable. Work completed to date has been successful and we look forward to the completion of work in progress.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (08/08/99)

As mentioned by the first adjudicator a number of the litter bins in the village centre needed washing and the gable to the Abbey Tavern looks most unfortunate. The Ennis Road sports a magnificent view back to the Abbey, however, weeds to the kerbside looked quite unsightly. The relatively new ash trees along this road are coming along well and the stone beds filled with flowers were greatly admired. There was an abundance of flowers in full bloom throughout the village on second adjudication day. Do bear in mind the comment of the first judge in relation to permanent planting in order to give year round effect. The few remaining projecting plastic signs should be removed and replaced with more traditional timber ones. The Monks Well looked very fresh in red as did the Abbey Tavern in yellow. Although the village was virtually free of litter some was apparent along the Kilkishen Road. Much work was in evidence on adjudication day – weeding was in

progress at the grotto and the grass at the school grounds was being cut. The riverside area was very clear and neat and St. Fineen's Parochial Hall looked extremely fresh.