

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONMORE**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	216	214

Clonmore, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the documentation enclosed with your application form. You have done considerable work over the years to bring your town to its present position. The following is a progress report on the projects completed for this year's competition: to improve the area of the Bullawn Stone and maintain the St Mogue's Well. Now might be the time to work on a very simple plan for the next three to five years. It will be a guide for your committee for the projects and activities which you propose to undertake. It is also essential to involve the school in your Tidy Towns activities.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built element of your village is well maintained throughout but the church walls need repainting at this stage. The sand heap should be removed from this area also, as there are weeds growing around it. There was also a trailer left and should be removed from here. The Community Centre needs painting and both sides need to be tidied. The pub and telephone booth are well maintained. The old church is a project on which you could work. The very nice lattice-type windows on it need attention. The sheds on the Coolkenna Road need work done to contribute to the overall appearance of the village.

LANDSCAPING

The maintenance of the planted areas and trees throughout is very good. The shrub area across from the church has a nice selection of plants and roses in front of the fir trees. The planting on the stone wall down from the church is again, very attractive and well tended. The planting at the well and the area beside the church looks attractive with a nice selection of plants. Well done to all concerned with the maintenance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have an important role to play in this area. As indicated in last year's report, the stream is an asset, as are the trees in this area. These areas have possibilities for woodland and grassland habitats. This is a project which should be worked upon over the coming months and year. Seek help from a local expert in your area or contact the Conservation Volunteers Ireland who will let you have their leaflets which you will find most helpful.

LITTER CONTROL

Your management and control of litter and debris in the village and on the approach roads is very good. The bins are located in suitable areas which help the overall control of litter. A very small amount was noted in the church area.

TIDINESS

There is an absence of fly posting and graffiti throughout. Control of weeds at kerbs and walls is very good. However, the area in front of the church looked untidy with the sand heap and a trailer which appeared to be abandoned.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The maintenance of houses overall is very good. A few are not as well presented as others and the boundary walls of some need repainting. Encouragement has to be given to householders to maintain and present their houses attractively.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The signposts are very well maintained throughout. The church car park needs to be resurfaced. It is uneven in many areas. The approach roads are maintained in good condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a great community co-operation evident in the presentation of your village. Shrubs, trees and plants are very well maintained and looked after. Considerable work has been done over the years to bring the village to this stage. Now, plans must be made for the next three to five years. Much good work is being done and hopefully this will be kept up in the future. Well done to all concerned.