

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BOHERBUE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	23	24
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	181	180

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your application says that your committee is a new group trying to establish yourselves. A committee of 24 people is a very good number and you will achieve good results. It is wise to stand back from the village and the work to take an overview of what you want to achieve. This is the bones of making a plan. Set all the goals that you feel could benefit the village and then set about putting a timescale, feasibility from a practical point of view and decide who can do what or what co-operation will need to be involved.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village has many contrasts – good buildings well cared for and very presentable and also some dilapidated buildings or those needing attention in some way.. The Duhallow Retail Park is well presented and attracts many people. The parking situation may need to be studied – how can it cope when shopping is busy ? What alternatives are possible? The cemetery wall needs painting at the carpark.. The old disused petrol station/garage – can something be done with this? The thatched cottage is attractive together with the walls, planting and seats opposite. The thatched cottage - Linehens Insurance is also attractive. The Garda Station wall is in need of attention as is the old fever hospital site walls. The school is very well presented and this exemplifies the contrasts that there are in the village.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping at the school is well planned and gives an inviting appearance. There is a great effort made at the Mallow road with tree planting and grass verge maintenance. This is maturing well and over the next few years the trees will be a very significant part of the landscape. Individual gardens contribute well in and around the village and this gives an opportunity for every homeowner to contribute to the overall appearance of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A project under this heading would be very worthwhile. Examine all the possibilities. Find persons with local knowledge and involve the school.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter on the roadside on each side of the road just beyond the school was particularly bad. Is there a reason for this that could be addressed ?

TIDINESS

The number of dilapidated buildings and walls needing painting does not help with the tidiness aspect. Also in several places there are weeds by kerbsides which gives a non cared for look.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential property maintenance depends very much on individuals. Encouragement will help. Private garden and house maintenance is one of the very forceful ways that can transform a scene, as each cares for their home and surrounds, pride of place develops. The paviers by some houses are invaded by grasses and need attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Care is needed to retain grass verges and hedgerows that can support wildlife and hedgerow cuttings should not be done in summer except where safety is a concern.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is evidence of good effort to be seen. Much work has to be done and the development of a plan as already mentioned will go a long way towards making improvements. The need for addressing dilapidated buildings must be a priority.