

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CASTLETOWNROCHE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	31
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	234	228

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The co-ordinated manner in which your Tidy Towns Committee is dealing with the development of the village is to be commended. Such a planned approach is essential in order to make progress. It is clear that a lot of work is in progress in and around the village and it is heartening for the community to see progress take place.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a very good standard of buildings throughout the village and all are generally well maintained. The Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland buildings are both very well maintained; the latter is presented beautifully on an elevated site. The flower tubs at the entrance to the Catholic Church are well maintained and colourful. The old school building and the new school are both well maintained. The old creamery building is very nicely maintained. The Mill Building is a dominant feature in the context of buildings in this village and it is very encouraging to see an excellent job of renovation in progress. The Old Barrack project, when completed, will also be an asset to the village. A very high standard prevails amongst business premises in the village. Though located outside the village area, Bridgetown Abbey is a gem, which is surely treasured by the local community.

LANDSCAPING

The standard of landscaping around and throughout the village is of a very good standard. The landscaping at the grotto and indeed all around the grotto area of the village is impressive and is excellently maintained. The large green area and landscaping at the Mallow end of the village is impressive. The landscaping which has been carried out near the Filling Station in Bridge Street looks very well. Also the planting and landscaping work, which has been carried out across from the Old Mill is of a very good standard.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village is fortunate in being located close to the River Awbeg, which is of course an important habitat for many species of wildlife. Also the extensive mature woodland in the vicinity of the village provides equally good habitat for other species of wildlife. Having such rich sources of wildlife habitat in close proximity to the village is a valuable asset for the local community and for visitors to the village.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter situation throughout the village was generally satisfactory. Litter proves to be a constant problem for many areas. This village should therefore continue with a vigilant approach towards litter, which obviously has been the practice over the past year.

TIDINESS

At the time of adjudication, there was a very good level of tidiness through the village. The village spreads over a considerable area but there was tidiness generally throughout. The Square area was very tidy, as were Chapel St., Mill Road, Bridge St. etc. The open green areas across the village were also very tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in the residential areas throughout the village was very good. Residential houses and gardens were also excellently presented. The residential area of Pairc Comdt. Tomas Mac Fiacra, Comdt. Tom Hunter Park was very neatly trimmed. On many of the approach roads, the standard of houses and gardens was extremely good. Houses within the village area were considerably enhanced by tasteful use of window boxes, hanging baskets etc. The housing project for the elderly has been tastefully completed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In this category of the Competition, the standard was also high. The stones bearing the name of the village, which has been erected at both the Fermoy and Mallow approaches to the village is a new feature for the village. The Mallow approach road was very neatly presented as was the Fermoy approach road. The Shanballymore approach was also very tidy. The Kildorrery approach road was equally tidy. The approach from Glanworth was particularly attractive and the large green area here was excellently maintained. The Old Water Pump on Chapel St. is nicely maintained. The plaque commemorating T.P. Keenan, composer of "The Old Rustic Bridge by the Mill," is a good initiative, tastefully executed. A traffic sign and pole near the approach to the Church of Ireland church was in need of repainting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a most attractive village, enjoying a very pleasant location. The residents of the village are obviously giving considerable support to the Tidy Towns Committee. By pursuing the plan of campaign for the future, which has been drawn up, considerable progress will be made in the

future.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (10/08/00)

The stone village nameplate sign on the approach road was admired although the metal one on the Mallow Road appeared quite grubby. The attractively landscaped area in front of Hunter's Park Housing Estate looked as well maintained as ever. Shinnick Place was presented to a higher standard than last year. Perhaps you could consider introducing some colour to the buildings along Main Street as currently they look slightly drab. The adjudicator was pleased to note that the neglected houses at the end of Main Street had been sold and hopefully they will be restored to their former glory in time. The Yield sign at the Church of Ireland was still in bad condition. The charming village of Castletownroche was quiet in preparation for its upcoming festival on an August second adjudication day.