

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CHARLEVILLE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	185	183

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The 5 year plan submitted in 1999 was very impressive – keep working as closely as you can to this plan. Keep up co-ordination with FÁS, the Local Authority and especially the school children who have helped so well with litter control. Try to enlist the support of commercial bodies within the town i.e. Traders Association, Chamber of Commerce etc. Take a staged approach and keep up your momentum.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main public buildings look very well again, these include the Church, the Credit Union, the Mercy Convent School and Mannix College. The AIB and Bank of Ireland buildings are nice. The Community and Enterprise Building has huge potential if it could be enhanced. The Adjudicator was also impressed with the 'School Yard Theatre' building, this is a great initiative and is to be commended. Charleville has some visually striking buildings, which play a pivotal role in the streetscape of the town. Some of these have already been mentioned above, another is the Library Building. A more co-ordinated colour co-ordination approach and particularly co-ordination of colour and maintenance between ground floor and upper floor levels of buildings is essential. Petit's looks well again as did Bridget's and Jussie's Fashions. Attention will have to be given to derelict buildings particularly on the Ballyagran road and the junction for the railway station – the Committee should consult the derelict sites and buildings section on page 46 of the Tidy Towns Handbook.

LANDSCAPING

The five-year plan supplied with your 1999 submission had very good ideas on landscaping. These ideas should be kept alive as they would greatly improve the town. The new wall around the town park is a good addition, but as mentioned last year a sign would be desirable for this amenity from the main street. This would greatly assist new visitors to the town. The graveyard looks well as does the landscaped area on the Cork road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Charleville should certainly make capital on the fine town park. It appears that it has not yielded its full potential. Consideration should be given to developing an environmental programme for this area and the town environs. This work could form the basis of a youth or

school project. Consult the Wildlife and Natural Amenities Section of the Tidy Towns Handbook, which breaks this work into five categories, Habitat survey, Developing a Management Plan, Access and Community Involvement, Interpretation and Carrying out the Work.

LITTER CONTROL

Keep up work on your litter programme as it appears to be working quiet well – the work of the Committee and of the school children is obviously a winning combination. Insure also that litter- bins are kept clean and keep working on measures to promote anti- litter awareness in the Community.

TIDINESS

There is some weed growth in the pathway between the Church and the town. The problems of dumped cars near the town park highlighted in last year's report is still a serious problem, which needs to be addressed. The Garden of Remembrance would need some attention as it has quite a bit of weed growth and the fountain does not appear to be functioning.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The category is performing well again with houses on the Newtownshandrum approach, Ballagran road, Bishop Browne's Terrace, Sean Clarach MacDonnell Terrace, Sean O'Brien Terrace, Lover's Lane and Broomscourt all looking well. Houses appear well painted, gardens and private hedgerows are well tended.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are quite good, the 30 mile speed limit sign in the Newtownshandrum approach needs repainting and the grass margins need to be cut. The same comments would apply to the Killmallock road. The Cork road would require to have grass margins cut. The Limerick approach is good. The black and white finger posts in the town would need to be cleaned. There is a distinct absence of street names. This applies also in some residential areas. This makes it difficult for visitors to the town. The car park near the town park looks well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Charleville has some very nice buildings and a very good town park, which could be enhanced further. More broad ranging support is required from the Community to help further the aims of the Committee, who have great ideas and a good vision of how Charleville could improve.