

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CONNA**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	29	27
Landscaping	40	28	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	16	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>202</b>

## **Conna, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The commitment to the development plan that your committee is making is admirable. The village is developing in an orderly way. The projects remaining will greatly enhance this fine village. The River bridge and castle define the village and the huge range of large trees surrounding the castle and also following down through the main village are a great asset to forming the character of this village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The school looks particularly well and is very carefully maintained. The five arched bridge is a lovely sight although at present is best viewed from the riverbank. The church and car park is well kept. The Conna Sports Centre premises are carefully maintained. The Guest House - Bride River View House, is a lovely stone building and an asset to the village. Credit Union, and business premises such as Mellericks, the Post office, English's and the pub are all kept in a very fine state.. The industrial premises at the castle end of the village are well treated and the best is being made of these premises – dark green colour helps to submerge this very large uniform building. The walls are a great benefit to the village. The newly constructed roadside walls in which planting has been done looks very attractive. The timber fence is also of high quality.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The dominant trees in the landscape are a wonderful sight and it is marvellous to have such large trees all through the village – one evergreen oak is noted. What will happen when these trees reach their full maturity ? Will the same character bestowed by them continue? If tree planting of this type is done the results will enable future generations to benefit as we do now. The landscaping by the industrial premises is well done and attractive, helping to tone in this large site into the village landscape. The stone wall retained borders newly planted will take a little time to develop. Newly seeded grass areas are noted at the entrance to the castle and at the church end of the village. The raised stone beds by the church carpark were not yet planted. The grounds of the castle are very attractive except that pallets, which appear to be being chipped for mulching, obstructed the entrance. Containerised plantings were noted and the little garden opposite the post office is nicely treated. The lovely rose arching the house beside the credit union is a gem.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river is the obvious choice of activity under this heading. A

lot of work needs to be done to make the riverside more accessible – it was difficult to approach it at adjudication with the rough and waterlogged condition. A riverside walk would be so welcome as would the provision of a green area at the riverside bridge where the arched bridge could be admired.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Throughout the village there is a well kept standard of cleanliness- this applies to the sports complex also. The area at the bridge was littered a little and needs a little more focus. Your participation in County Council schemes aimed at helping the litter situation is good.

### **TIDINESS**

There is a very tidy appearance and one could truly call Conna a “Tidy Town”

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The houses at both Castleview and Sycamore drive were nicely presented and cared for .It is easy to see that there is a good spirit of awareness of the value of the well kept environment. Individual homes around and about the village contribute well in caring for their gardens and these add to the fabric of the landscape of the village

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The roadways are well kept and well marked. Overhead cables would be well to be moved underground at some stage. The neatly positioned kerbing and roadside parking bays as at the church give a tidy aspect. As was mentioned last year – with the luxuriant growth that occurs in the summer, signs can easily be obscured by foliage and an eye should be kept to this.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This is a lovely village with both castle and river giving an unique character to the place. The well tended houses and roadside shrubberies and plantings show there is a very strong commitment to presenting the village to its fullest potential.