

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GRENAGH**
County : **CORK**
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Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	0	25
The Built Environment	40	0	26
Landscaping	40	0	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	0	20
Litter Control	40	0	23
Tidiness	20	0	13
Residential Areas	30	0	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	0	21
General Impression	10	0	7
TOTAL MARK	300	0	179

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There is a remarkable level of development and activity and it is great to see a village getting such an uplift. With so much disruption due to the sewage scheme, new housing developments, wall building and pavement laying it is understandable that your committee has asked that the village should not be judged this year. Instead a number of comments are made here that it is hoped will be helpful.

The prospects for this village are excellent when the work is completed. At the time of the adjudicators visit great activity was in place at the Cathleen Place green where weeding and attention to shrubs was taking place. The green at this estate was in good condition with grass well kept as well as attention to the individual gardens. The cemetery was of particular note as the grounds were seen to be very cared for and the gates freshly painted with white and gold trimmings. The sports complex, school and church appeared in good condition, as did the shop.

When such building construction is taking place it is important to stand back and consider if there are any other major works that can be done now rather than causing more disruption at a future date. Could the overhead cables be placed underground in this present sweep of work? Are there any central monuments or commemorative features that could be built to acknowledge some past local people or events or to mark the year 2000? The seating set in the wall with litter bins is pleasant.

The pump area and tiny grotto are attractive but need attention to upgrade them to their true potential. The area

around the shops will benefit from a tidier approach with better organisation of all the materials outside the shop. The old walls such as that beside the pump offer an opportunity as the stone could be revealed to nice effect.

The containers at the church and opposite are attractive and the treatment of the white wall with the artistic treatment is effective.

Litter is an issue that will need attention in the renewed village as some was noted at the shops.

It is important to keep a watchful eye on building developments to ensure they are properly finished off at completion and that road surfaces, walls and land is reinstated to good order.

A three to five year working plan will enable you to set goals as to how you wish to see the village progress with a timescale. Feasibility and finance can be organised with this in mind. We wish you well with the present "upheaval" of the village and look forward to your entry in the competition with renewed vigour next year.