

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KANTURK**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	26
The Built Environment	40	24	25
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	14	15
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>167</b>

## **Kanturk, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

While reporting on the adjudication over the last two years the need for a comprehensive plan was stated. At this stage the lack of such a plan is evident in the direction in which the town is now going. It would be wise to look at some of the towns and villages that score reasonably well to understand what is happening in your town. The litter problem has reached a serious level where every street was littered, the park along the river, a bin overflowing at 4.00 on a Monday afternoon and the entrance across the pedestrian bridge to mention just a few sites. The level of dilapidated buildings is extremely high. A comprehensive plan would detail all the aspects that could be developed and improved and would define a way, a timescale, the feasibility, cost and bodies to undertake the works.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The lovely terraced houses along Egmont Place are a gem within the town and need to be carefully preserved when maintenance is required. William O' Brien Street and Strand Street are the best appearing streets in the town. The Credit Union Building in Strand Street is impressive. The paving and central island with lampstandards and underground cabling adds to the picture. Tree planting is nicely organised and looks particularly well when viewed from a central point from either end. While there are many premises attractively presented there are also a number that require attention. On Percival Street the number of premises needing attention is considerable. A programme of dealing with the backs of buildings which are in view is also needed such as appear from across the river on travelling along Greeane Street. Back areas are being opened up in many towns in Ireland at present by the development of car parks (as at the back of SuperValu) and the tiny shopping streets. These expose parts of towns that hitherto were not exposed and this calls for measures to deal with this situation.

The signboard at the square ? ( lower end of Percival street – no street sign was easily noticed to say if it was the square) the signboard lists the features to see in Kanturk. It would be helpful if all of these were then marked on the map.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Town Park is a lovely part of Kanturk and creates a lovely amenity. The riverside park is attractive and it would be good if the views from both bridges of the river and banks could be enhanced. Individual gardens contribute well to the overall landscape of the town and great credit is due to those who silently go about keeping their gardens and homes in top shape.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river is a natural amenity that Kanturk can enjoy and avail of to further the wildlife interest for both residents and visitors and particularly the youth of the town that they would grow up with a sense of appreciation of our natural environment.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

As stated already above the adjudicator in any other town or village did not see the level of litter this year as was seen here. This calls for a very precise plan in regard to litter alone.

## **TIDINESS**

Because of the level of dilapidation of buildings and litter in the town the tidiness aspect is hindered. On approaching Main Street from Strand Street the gutters of the buildings facing are filled with grasses. The Bottle bank at the church had an accumulation of plastic bag filled materials by their sides.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential areas were being cared for. Tree planting on open greens is an opportunity that should not be missed. The wonderful trees by the park at the unity stone illustrate their value. There is a very attractive entrance into St. Patricks estate. There are a number of attractive cottage residences on the Blue Pool Upr and Lr roads.

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

The approach roads to Kanturk is very attractive with the lovely natural setting.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The setting of Kanturk has much to offer. A detailed plan section by section of the town, which would deal with all the aspects of a town's composition should be prepared and by standing well back from the situation an objective overview could be developed.