

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MEELIN**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	12	10
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>175</b>

## **Meelin, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The detailed submission you sent with the application was very helpful in seeing all the work that has been undertaken in the village. The tree and shrub planting is particularly praiseworthy as this has a long term effect. The limestone is indeed a feature of your village and it is good to use it to illustrate the character of the village – a sort of theme. Derelict buildings are understandably troublesome to your work and it is difficult to tolerate such places when people are so willing to develop the village. A more detailed plan set out for over the next 3 to 5 years would be very useful now.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

This is a village of contrasts as regards the built environment. There are both very well cared for and some dilapidated buildings. The centre of the village – village square is very well presented. The water feature with surrounding stone and planting creates a focus outside Cahills . Cahills, Quinlans and Brosnans all look well with very good paint presentation. Down the square the houses are well tended and the hard surfaced house fronts give a unified picture with the backdrop of the timber fenced pailing. The Church is an attractive building – maybe some day the bricked up door could be replaced by natural stone. The plaques through the village commemorating people is a lovely idea and creates a personal touch for the village. The restored limekiln is a very interesting feature. The post office is also well presented. The school's outside wall needs attention to painting soon.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your tree and shrub planting programme is commendable . The number of trees planted is very satisfactory and your plans to continue this will be very worthwhile. The areas of landscaping within the village are attractive. Individual gardens enhance the village and surrounds and everyone's efforts are taken into account in this way.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The wooded surrounds and presence of a river offer interesting possibilities in this respect. A walkway would be a nice feature. Local knowledge regarding the wildlife could be useful and a project involving the school would be most beneficial.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is a very good level of litter control in the village and people have a good pride in keeping their surrounds clean and litter free.

### **TIDINESS**

The Square is particularly tidy with the neatly presented shops, homes, water pump and timber fence road boundaries. The approach from Rockchapel is a little less tidy with the tractor remains, walls in a less than attractive state and some dilapidation.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The individual homes are well cared for and reflect a pride of place in both homes and gardens.

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

There is a good deal of roadside planting which will in time give a really pleasant entrance to the village. The natural vegetation is much to be admired too and this sets a lovely enclosure for the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Meelin is an attractive village with a characteristic style and the limestone use adds an interesting theme which could be built upon more in the future. The efforts of the committee are very evident and for this reason the village will go from strength to strength.