

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CASTLEKNOCK**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	31	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	204	196

Castleknock, Co. Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application form and comprehensive back up materials that were of great assistance on adjudication day. We congratulate you on work carried out this year. Again, we would encourage you to formulate a three to five year plan and suggest that a timetable be devised by which to have specific projects completed. This can be of great assistance when seeking support from various bodies and also in concentrating the efforts of the community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings both commercial and residential throughout Castleknock were very well presented with some very minor exceptions. Myos once again was very well presented, as were the two shopping centres in the village. The new buildings on the previously derelict site were welcome. The Beauty Salon opposite Myos pub and the Turf Accountants could do with a freshening up, as the exteriors look tired.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout Castle knock is quite attractive. It was noted that the approach road from the Phoenix Park had considerably improved since last year – well done. The flower beds in the village added a lovely splash of colour. Overall the standard of landscaping was very good.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As an urban village you are somewhat limited in this area, however it might be an idea for your committee to consider taking on a project to specifically address this area in order to achieve more marks in this section.

LITTER CONTROL

Once again litter control throughout Castleknock was exceptional on the day of adjudication. The additional litter bins are welcomed. The absence of litter around commercial centres in the town is to be commended. Most notable was the area to the front of Myos and the two shopping centre areas. There were some minor amounts of litter near the village pump and the telephone boxes.

TIDINESS

Castleknock has a tidy and well cared for appearance. There was some incidence of weed growth in certain areas;

some of the residences opposite Castlecourt Shopping Centre could do with a tidying up. The entrance to Park Avenue was overgrown and looked untidy. It was noted that the area around the church grounds had improved.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The local community is to be commended on the very high standard of presentation of residential areas. The standard of private gardens is very high throughout. Beechpark Avenue and Beechpark Lawn looked very well on the day of adjudication as did Deerpark, Park Drive and The Georgian Village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads into Castleknock were well presented and litter free. In general roads were well maintained. There was one area along the road from the Phoenix Park which, exceptionally was quite overgrown and some piping appeared to have been dumped along the side of the road. But overall the impression was very good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of your committee are to be commended and the work implemented over the past year is reflected in this year's marks. Once again there are other projects such as wildlife and some minor litter problems which with more attention could gain more marks in the coming years. Keep up the good work

SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/00)

Regrettably, during our second visit the road through the village was being torn up. Nonetheless the village had a relatively clean and tidy appearance. A few papers were scattered about but litter was not a problem. What nicer way to enter a village than through a park! The Phoenix Park is a wonderful wildlife resource on your door step. From the N3 Auburn Avenue is just that - a beautiful tree lined avenue. Your new flower beds in the village centre were admired but most of all was the restored village pump but do try to keep the paving weed free. The half killed ivy on the stone building opposite the entrance to Castle Grove looked unsightly. To reiterate the reference to a Plan at the beginning of this report you really do need one to enable you tackle the greater village area in an organised and consistent manner.

