

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ASDEE**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	27	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	215	215

Asdee, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The very small tidy towns committee makes for much work. Ideally if more people could be involved the effort would be shared and maybe with a broader mix of people new ideas would emerge. Regardless of the size of a village or its tidy towns committee, considered planning is always useful. Draw up a list of priorities and set about a plan. As time passes even if the planning does not succeed it gives incentive and a measure to follow progress.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone walls are a good asset . At Kennedy's bar the sharp contrast between the natural stone wall to the front of the building and the outer concrete wall with planting within is very noticeable. Anywhere that stone can be used it is worth the extra effort. The grotto looks well and is so well cared for. Almost 50 years of natural weathering has helped the stonework and again proves the value of natural stone. The church and school are in fine condition. Buildings have a cared for look and enhance the overview of the village.

LANDSCAPING

Some tree planting is noticeable. On the Ballybunion side some trees are not progressing well. It is well always to look at the trees in the area that have done well – ash and hawthorn in particular. These are ideal species and blend in well with the surrounding landscape. Planting of these is needed for continuity. In the same way as the people who planted those large trees could not have expected to see them to maturity so should we be planting for future generations to enjoy. A little extra body is needed for the long wall - enclosed planters outside Kennedy's Pub.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Every locality has its particular share of wildlife. Becoming familiar with the wildlife in your area may seem second nature to some but, as young people have so many broad interests, it is more important than ever now to allow them access the value of the natural environment and pass on local knowledge. Consider which type of project would best serve this purpose and set about a plan of action.

LITTER CONTROL

A small amount of litter was noted at the school but overall there was a very good picture of litter control on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

Good degree of tidiness was observed. Weed growth in gutters should be avoided.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small amount of residences are well cared for giving a nice impression passing through the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signage is very important particularly in very small villages as identity is appreciated. Overhead cables will no doubt in time be placed underground like so many other towns and villages and this will be welcome.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A well cared for village is the main impression given by Asdee. The traffic is inclined to travel a little too fast through and this is something needing attention in the interest of safety.