

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CASTLECOVE**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	19	18
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	149	147

Castlecove, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

In order to make real progress at this stage a plan should be made as mentioned last year. Even though people might have clear ideas in their minds about developments, collective planning and taking note will bring forward basic questions such what to do, how, when and by whom. This will then form the basis of your plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Stonework is a very positive feature of the village. The stone is used in several places. The wall at Sciart house is a lovely sight as is the slate wall at O' Learys. The replacement of the brick wall outside the pottery with a stone wall would be a nice project. The Post Office is nicely painted and the Black Sheep Bar is well presented. The plaques commemorating noteworthy people are a very good idea. The number of buildings needing attention still continues to be a challenge and a piecemeal approach seeking the appropriate co-operation is needed now. The Sciart Fort is fascinating and a very worthwhile journey to make from the village.

LANDSCAPING

The Millennium garden project is interesting. The mountain ash tree planted on April 2nd 2000 seems a very good idea. The garden does need attention to weeding and a broader range of plants. At present the Shasta daisies are in full bloom but there will be little to follow these. Individual gardens are important and every person who makes an effort with their own garden is contributing well to the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is scope here for developments. The river would be an interesting place to start. Consider the various possibilities and talk to people with local knowledge who have an interest in wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter was under control but some plastic at one location.

TIDINESS

Attention is needed to tidy up the carpark opposite the Post Office. Attention is also required to the Millennium garden to

give this a more tidy appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses are generally well presented and the problem of dereliction takes from the care shown with housing . Credit is due to those who care for their homes and gardens as they contribute well to the overall appearance of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads are in good condition and speed of traffic through the village could be a difficulty. The approaches on both sides could benefit from a little tidy up without too severe a cut back. Best to do the cutting back before April so as not to interfere with nesting birds and wild life of the summer hedgerows.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is an interesting village with the Sciart Fort nearby and the noteworthy people who have been commemorated by plaques. There is a lot of work to be done to maximise the potential.