

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CASTLEGREGORY**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	197	195

Castlegregory, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The relatively large tidy towns committee is very encouraging. There is a great variety of housing and development in the village and the lovely stonework in places seems something that even more concentration could be placed in order to develop a theme within the village. The strand and the lake add further assets to Castlegregory. The map was most helpful and made the identification of the various points easy – thank you.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The business premises have done well in their efforts to give colour and variety to the village. The painted fronts are attractive and on one approach a mauve, primrose and green wall comes into view with good effect. The murals are entertaining. The elimination of overhead cables will be welcome when the time comes. Unfortunately there are also a number of derelict and less attended to sites which must make the work of the committee very wearing. Never stop making the efforts as in time results will follow.

LANDSCAPING

Individuals who look after their own gardens, business premises and plantings do a great service to a village and are to be commended. Every effort pays off. The open space opposite Fitzgeralds is a disappointment. In the area, among some gardens, many of the seaside shrubs are doing very well – Escalonias, Hebes, Fuchsia and New Zealand palms and Flax. The use of the natural stone in conjunction with the plantings works very well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Ample opportunities exist for developments in this regard. The lake and beach areas offer great potential. Local knowledge should be assembled to further this issue.

LITTER CONTROL

Good litter control in operation but keeping litter completely out of sight is very difficult requiring much co-operation and goodwill.

TIDINESS

Overall tidiness is affected by a number of sites needing improvement. As more work proceeds and work on derelict sites is progressed the higher standard of tidiness will follow.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residences are well maintained and these give a good impression of the village. Unique approaches to planting, stonework and paint colouring help to give a special character to the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The street system is such that there is great exposure of all buildings. This in turn allows more opportunity for improvements. The tidy network of streets gives a cosy feel to the village and is welcoming.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Castlegregory has good assets. The element of colour has become part of the scene and no doubt will continue. The lovely stone gives a pleasant aspect and the efforts of people to improve their surrounds are very evident.