

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CEANN TRA**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	181

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The notes submitted with the application form were most helpful for adjudication. It is interesting to see the photographic evidence of activities and the litter collection on the beach was certainly well attended. These activities besides having direct effect on improvements also contribute to the community spirit and are marvelous in that respect. The setting of the beach is spectacular.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Keeping painted walls in good condition is a major challenge in a wind and salt swept locality. The general state of the buildings is impressive. The school is nicely painted. The premises along by Penny's and the Skipper restaurant are in good condition. The concrete walkway by the beach is a lovely idea giving access to the beach directly from the centre of the village and valuable also as a viewing point in itself. The carpark helps to keep cars from cluttering up the area outside the shops. The stonework at the junction for the beach and caravan site is interesting. Stone is such a lovely feature of the area and using it in these forms helps to maintain a theme. Some attention is needed however at this point to the maintenance of the stone from weeds. The two greens are attractive at the shops and the formula of simply using grass and kerbs is effective - could stone be used as an alternative to the concrete kerbs? The Post Office is very attractive with its interesting glass panels and is in good condition.

LANDSCAPING

One might expect that growing plants in the particular environment could be difficult but a peep into the garden at the end of the approach to the pier says differently. This is a beautiful garden using plants, stones, shells and furniture to perfection. This illustrates the contribution that each individual can make to a town or village. The Fuchsia and Montbretia are a lovely feature of the hedgerows. Some planting in the carpark and a neater surface would be helpful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The information board is a useful addition and many people were noticed taking account of its contents. The bird boxes were noticed. It would be interesting to record information about their use. The exploration of projects under this heading would be worthwhile. People with particular local knowledge can be most helpful. Sometimes such people have a fund of information, which they take for granted and do not realise that other people could benefit so much from their

contribution.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a good level of control. Some litter was noted on the road to the caravan site and beach, which is a pity. Litter collected is very prone to wind dispersal and extra care is needed. The clean up on the beach shows the amazing amounts of litter that blow about and accumulate. It's good to see from the photographs the range of age groups that were involved.

TIDINESS

There is a good tidy approach in Ceann Tra. The area along the front of the Penny's Pottery and Skipper restaurant seems a little cluttered with signs and low walls - a more unified approach would improve this. The carpark at the greens could benefit from an improved surface. The removal in time of the overhead cables will be very welcome as they interrupt the sea view.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is an interesting range of house styles. The upkeep is very good. Stonework is very attractive and is always a welcome sight. Individuals contribute greatly to the overall appearance of the village by the care of their homes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Fuchsia and Montbretia play a very significant role on the roadsides as well as the wonderful stone. Any efforts to keep these features when new building or changes in road boundaries are made are well worthwhile. This will keep the natural beauty intact.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a very unique little village and the efforts of the committee deserve credit for their achievements. Focusing ahead is vital and being alert to the consequences of developments. The caravan site is an area where attention could be focused. By their design and appearance caravans and mobile homes are not the most attractive items. Well-treated sites with planting and division of sites can help.