

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CHAPELTOWN**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	175

Chapelton, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the map. It would be a good idea to assemble your committee members and set down all the tasks you wish to pursue and then consider which items are long and short term and who will do what. In this way a plan can be formed which will focus attention on various projects as time passes.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The attractive signs of welcome with the picture of Chapelton's church are a nice idea. The school seems a little in need of attention. A planning permission notice was observed at the school – could this be why the school is a little less than well-cared for? The grounds are very poor and weedy grasses grow up at the outside walls. The Church is a fine building and forms a prominent part of the village. The area behind the church needs attention as it is in a poor state. The Lub Bar appears to be closed and the paintwork is flakey. The resource centre, shop and Post office are well presented as is the strongly coloured house opposite the Post Office. There are some very attractive slate and stone featured walls. The plaque at the sports field commemorating all those in America who contributed to the funding of the facility is a nice idea.

LANDSCAPING

The area by the river is a very attractive development and will get great use in fine weather.. While the church grounds are attractive planted and kept there are some weeds growing through the shrubs which need attention. Some fine trees form a pleasant backdrop for this village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Good opportunities must exist in this category with the river and the proximity to the sea. Talk to the school in relation to this and consult the Tidy Towns handbook.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a good level of litter control and small amounts only were noted. The difficulties with the emptying of bins seem to have been addressed since last year.

TIDINESS

The area up behind the church is untidy due to the new house building. It is vitally important that builders leave the sites in a finished condition and that all roads are reinstated when the

job is complete. Tidy Towns committees can act as a watch dog in these circumstances.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New housing is developing and the residents can make a great contribution by making their homes look well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The overhead cables are prominent and in time it is hoped these will be removed. As mentioned above the road at the back of the church is in need of finishing. The roadside verges are well kept. Mowing a narrow strip of grass on the roadside and leaving the rest intact is a good idea and this is being done successfully. This allows for an appreciation of the plants that grow in the verges.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A sense of pride and good effort is seen in the village. The standards however need to be raised and through proper planning this can be achieved.