

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **FINUGE**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	27	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	24	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	--
General Impression	10	7	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Finuge, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the tidy towns competition as a first time entrant this year. Your application was most helpful in outlining all the plans and schedule of work in the future. Your ideas are very good and the village will no doubt benefit from an active and vibrant committee. The map was especially useful in pinpointing all the development places. The committee of 12 is a great number enabling talent to be drawn from a wide range of people.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The teach Siamsa and thatch house were very attractive and give a good sense of community to the village. The careful restoration of the thatch house is noted as is the continuing work at the back. The revealing of the stone cobbles in front is wonderful. The carpark by the sports grounds is well structured and neatly laid out. The stone is the most interesting feature and your adoption of a style of stone wall, gate pier and gate is a wonderful idea giving unity and the development of a unique theme for your village. Houses are very well cared for. The business premises are in good condition. Any premises or homes that are a little behind should be brought along easier when standards generally rise.

### **LANDSCAPING**

A great deal of planting has taken place in and around the village. Tree planting is all-important so that there is continuity from generation to generation of large tree types. The carpark at the sports grounds is well landscaped and the use of railway sleepers is very good. The stone wall is also attractive at the end. Individual gardens play a very significant role in the overall landscape of a village. This is great because people can work away on their own and the benefits then are enjoyed by all. There is a very nice style of maintenance of the grass verges giving a very calming effect. Newly grassed areas are noted and the shrub border along the roadside. Hedges – hawthorn in particular - are so valuable both for appearance and for wildlife. On the road to the bridge some nice hawthorn hedges are present. The Sean McCarthy memorial is attractive and it is nice to commemorate a local person in this way.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The bird sanctuary is a laudable idea. More work will be needed to create the right conditions rather than clearing the site. The bird boxes were noted. Some more thought is needed in order to make this a reality. The bog walk –

although a distance from the village offers interesting potential. Help in terms of signposting and interpretation of what one may see would make a worthwhile project

### **LITTER CONTROL**

A very high standard pertained on the day

### **TIDINESS**

This is a very tidy village and the consistency of work is very evident

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

As stated above efforts of individual homeowners pay off very well and the result is obvious.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Since the village consists of a four cross arrangement, back areas are not very relevant as this really means back lanes and the back areas of premises that can be seen from the road.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A very good start for entry to the tidy towns is noted and the commitment of the committee is very evident.