

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FOSSA**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	23
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	190	184

Fossa, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As mentioned in last year's report a comprehensive plan of all the projects envisaged is needed. While these projects may be clear in peoples minds, it is often the writing down of these that helps to focus attention on the realities of practical implementation. Your village is particularly attractive on account of the natural setting and every avail should be made of this in developments. This has already been done well with the church where the view is so beautiful through the church and the surrounds blend in well with the natural setting.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings along the road are nicely presented with good paint standards and attractive walls. The attractive walls at the Glen Connor house is notable as well as the houses to the rear at this point. Holiday accommodation appears in a very good condition. The derelict site with unsightly wall behind is well under observation by the committee. The Fossa Holiday Suites are attractively presented. And there is a fine display of red and white valerian on the roadside wall at Tuscar lodge, which is a pleasant feature. The two caravans and camping sites are well maintained and tidy and the planting in and about them helps concealment. The school is not the most attractive building in design but by tree and shrub planting this could be helped. The outside wall and railings need a little attention to bring them up to the high standard of their neighbours. The old church will hopefully evolve into a new life and use and the isolated forlorn look will be enlivened. The forest lake cottages are very well presented. The An Oige building is a lovely old building and great to have such a practical use.

LANDSCAPING

The natural landscape is the predominating beauty in this area and without any addition is superb. However once buildings emerge, their landscape needs and treatment must be faced. In such circumstances as Fossa landscaping should reflect and be in harmony with the natural beauty of the area. Tree and shrub planting and retention of existing vegetation are the key to success. The church grounds are particularly attractive with the birch planting and well kept lawns. An alternative to the placing of grass cuttings behind the wall would be welcome. The lime tree lined approach to Hotel Europa is effective.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The woodlands and lake are such obvious wildlife areas. Work

should be done under this heading in conjunction with the Killarney National parks Authorities.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a very good standard of cleanliness and this is an achievement with the numbers of cars passing continually

TIDINESS

Fossa has a very tidy appearance and the housing and roadsides are kept in a very tidy state. The caravan and camping parks, which can often be a source of untidiness, fit well into the situation and are well treated.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual homes and surrounds make a very positive contribution to a town or village and it is good to see so many fine homes and gardens in Fossa.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The quality of the roads is very high and the cycle lane is a very helpful. At the Miltown junction the profusion of signs is a little off-putting. Perhaps one sign with all the accommodation notices would be less confusing. It is often difficult to visually separate direction signs from accommodation signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a lovely village with the natural setting and the developments are nicely presented so that they do not impose on the natural landscape too much.