

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKANURE**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2000 | Mark Awarded 1999 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 31 | 30 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 25 | 24 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 24 | 25 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 17 | 17 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 | 23 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 13 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 20 | 20 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 181 | 178 |

Knockanure, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The outline 3 to 5 plan submitted was helpful in understanding the direction in which you want the work of the committee to proceed. The purchase of the old school would be a great asset not only to halt the declining state of the building but also to be able to put it to a valuable use for the community. The plans for the church are interesting too. The history of the three churches makes this village extra important and the Christmas card with illustrations in a great idea especially for those who have left the village over the years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church is the most imposing building in the village . Its style is certainly unusual in the surroundings. Some staining on the outside walls will need attention. The addition of the sidewall facings will have altered the overall appearance a little. The paving which was the material of the day could now as you suggest be replaced with higher grade material but in the context of the building avoiding any over colourful materials. Flynn's Bar and the house opposite are in a very attractive condition. The school looks well and the old school has already been referred to. The concrete block wall outside the new school is unattractive and a stone wall as fronts the old school would be desirable, maybe a project to replace this wall could be considered. The houses in the village are well tended with one exception, which hopefully will improve. The grotto is attractive and the holy water font in the wall of the house opposite is a nice touch. At the cemetery the outside wall has been repaired at some stage. It is important that any repairs are carried out using the same style of work rather than adding concrete to the face as has happened there. The phone box has been neatly fitted into the wall in the village.

LANDSCAPING

The garden in the village center is very attractive. While there is some tree planting of conifers at the church and a line of trees down the side maybe a new look at the landscaping could now be taken. A denser planting scheme would be interesting with more trees by the sides. The individual gardens contribute greatly to the appearance of the town and credit is due to those who work hard at this. Tree planting should always be on the plan in order to facilitate an ongoing renewal. The planting of trees at the corner field just inside the wall opposite Flynn's Pub would be a nice addition to the village. Roadside plantings elsewhere are also possible

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A project under this heading would be very welcome. Choose an area close to the village where there are possibilities and set a programme using local knowledge.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a very good level of control of litter and this only happens with constant vigilance.

TIDINESS

Knockanure is a tidy village. There are still some areas for improvement and by working through all of these there will be further improvements. Co-operation is of course vital in such a campaign and this calls for many skills from the committee.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is a well-kept atmosphere in the village and individual homes and gardens play a significant part of the overall picture. The garden at the centre of the village gives a nice picture. New buildings always cause a little disruption but when they are well finished and garden reinstated they blend back in. The cemetery graves look a little lonely in the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There is a reasonably good standard of road conditions in the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A good effort is noticeable in the village. There are plans in the 3 to 5 year plan that will result in improvements. The scenic approach is attractive and by more tree planting the village could be more related to the surrounding landscape. Well done for the efforts.