

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LIOS POIL**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	23
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	20	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	5	4
TOTAL MARK	300	160	154

Lios Poil, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

With the help of the plan progress will be made over the next few years in Lios Poil. The plan submitted clearly states objectives and as the years pass adjustments can be made to the plan as development proceeds. The speed of the traffic is a considerable intrusion into the village and dirt is created from passing traffic on wet days.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church is beautifully set off by the uninterrupted lawned area and the grotto fits well into this scheme. The petrol station and shop are in good condition. The old Railway Bridge stands clearly as a monument to a bygone time and is a nice feature to highlight. New building is under way and it is important that any disruption caused by this is reinstated. Tidy towns committees can be a watchful eye on the completion of all works and the proper final treatment. The purple/maroon and black coloured "Antiques" presents a nice touch to an otherwise uninteresting building. Even though it has been stated in your application that the bridge has been painted already it has become dirty with passing traffic. The Post Office and adjoining shop together with opposite wall needs some cleaning or painting. Also the gable end of the house beside the shop needs attention. The car park by the church and telephone box area could also be smartened up a little by better treatment of the surfaces.

LANDSCAPING

The use of Montbretia and Fuchsia as mentioned in your plan are excellent choices as they are so natural for the area. Some attention is needed to the weedy long grass along the wall on the opposite side of the road of the Post Office. Gardens can contribute well in this heading and the garden at the bridge displays very attractive blue Hydrangea.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river Owenalondrig must offer interesting possibilities in this category. At present it is difficult to get to the river edge. Perhaps a point could be established for easy access and perhaps even a short riverside walk established. The hazard of traffic at the bridge is off-putting. As a long-term project a walkway suspended on the outside of the bridge could bring pedestrians across with safety from traffic.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a good level of litter control. The river can be difficult to clear of trapped litter.

TIDINESS

A little more attention to detail in this regard will pay dividends. Weedy surfaces, weeds and long grass at walls and by walkways can be unsightly. Attention to buildings, gates and carparks, all helps.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is a small number of residences and where people look after their own property well and maintain gardens. The results benefit to the entire village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The traffic speed and volume appear to give most rise for concern. The narrow bridge and the speed at which traffic approaches is terrifying and must be a worry to the elderly and those with young children. Any measures to reduce speeds further would be helpful. Perhaps a discussion with the Garda on this issue would be worthwhile.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The committee of 10 is a sizable number for such a small village. This is encouraging and no doubt, with the help of the planning, will result in solid improvements in the future.