

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TIMOLIN**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	23
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>177</b>

## **Timolin, County Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed application form. Unfortunately, you omitted to include a 3-5 year development plan, hence the drop in marks in this section. Perhaps with next year's entry you will include a two year plan of what the Timolin Tidy Towns Committee intend to do in the coming year – this would be of great assistance to the adjudicators.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Undoubtedly the huge volume of passing traffic has impacted on the facades of roadside buildings in Timolin. However, the Sportsman Inn and the Oak Leaf Tavern looked well. The Pewter Factory was immaculate and is certainly an asset to the village. In addition, the adjacent Church was well maintained. The graveyard however, was somewhat overgrown in some areas and the gravel path was quite weedy. The vacant shop on the main road (as mentioned in your application form) is an eyesore.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Potted plants on the wall opposite the Sportsman Inn added a welcome splash of colour to the Main Road. Individual premises were generally well presented and gardens well maintained. The Pewter factory was most impressive. Shrubby planting was also noted opposite the Sportsman Inn and outside Byrnes car sales. The car park at the area of the Sportsman is pleasantly landscaped.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is huge potential for the development of a local wildlife amenity opposite the Pewter Factory adjoining the graveyard. A clear stream flows here that is currently quite overgrown. This can possibly be included in a 3-5 year plan.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Generally speaking litter is not a problem in Timolin. However, an overflowing bin was noted at the corner of the vacant shop.

### **TIDINESS**

Off the main road Timolin is a very tidy village. The dust created by heavy traffic detracts from this impression on the main road.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The main residential estate in Timolin between the vacant shop and the Sportsman Inn is well kept. Notable individual efforts have been made regarding paintwork and gardens. The green was also well maintained. Individual residences elsewhere were satisfactory. New residential developments will enhance the village in years to come.

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

Road surface quality is quite good in Timolin. However, paths are a serious problem here. Due to the sheer volume of traffic passing through the village it is imperative that a pedestrian area be clearly defined. This is not the case at present particularly the stretch from the Sportsman Tavern to the Oak Leaf Tavern.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

There is huge potential for further development and landscaping on the completion of the forthcoming by-pass. The steering away the bulk of the through traffic will allow ample opportunity for Timolin to progress notably in the Tidy Towns Competition in years to come.