

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ARDPATRICK**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	33
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	233	230

Ardpatrick, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form, work plan for 1999-04, up to date work in progress report and practical sketch map. Once again the Village was looking resplendent and it's a pleasure to visit Ardpatrick at any time of the year. It is good to see that the committee has such a good working relationship with both the local community and other relevant agencies. The level of sponsorship received from the local Fianna Festival Committee and the Hillside Players is quite large by any standards this just proves that the local community is fully behind the Tidy Towns effort. The fact that you have only one FAS worker does not help your cause, but no doubt local people will rally round to ensure that Ardpatrick is to the forefront in the competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard of presentation of buildings and adjoining areas was very high, it was noted that a number of new dwelling houses in the process of construction are being built in the character of the village architecture. The Church and grounds were in immaculate condition and once again great credit is due to those responsible for maintaining both the building and the grounds. Scoil Ard Pdraigh is maintained well but the grounds were a little weedy, it may be possible to improve the yard area when the extension is completed. The addition of a new nursing home near the SunVale Inn should be a positive addition to the Village. The remainder of both commercial and private dwellings, some of which were very impressive, were all presented to a very high standard and this reflects well on the owners. I am not sure what the position is vis a vis the Sunvale Inn but at present it looks a little forlorn and out of context with the remainder of the village

LANDSCAPING

Last year's report referred to the quality of planting arrangements both as one enters and within the village itself, even though there is no new project this year, the existing one were vibrant and well cared for. The ever-impressive Bishop Murphy Park was even more attractive than other years as it is maturing with age. The St Johns Worth at the Greenwood Inn theme park was in full bloom blending in with the beautiful countryside. The Old Creamery development will when completed enhance the village as one approaches from both the Kilmallock and Ballyhea entrances.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The work done in this category especially by the school children is very laudable, hopefully, all the results relating to

nesting patterns will be published as part of an ongoing wildlife programme. Very good effort to date.

LITTER CONTROL

As was the case last year the Village was litter free on adjudication day, which is a testament to the efforts of the whole community. Given that the village will attract visitors during the holiday season, it may be no harm to provide an extra bin or two.

TIDINESS

Last year reference was made to the improvement in one particular area of the village; this premises and surrounding area has made further progress this time round. Credit is due to the owner of the property for making a big effort as this helps to improve the standing of the Village. Just to note a minor issue, there was some grass cutting residue evident on the footpath opposite Bishop Murphy Park

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of presentation of all dwellings was very good and all communal areas such as the road to Ard Padraigh were kept tidy. It is up to the Committee to impress upon residents to make sure that standards are maintained and even improved upon.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrances to village from all directions were very impressive with both speed signs and directional signs well maintained. Grass verges and hedgerows were maintained in accordance with recommended criteria. The Creamery development will certainly enhance the entrance to the village as one approaches from Kilmallock

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Ardpatrick is certainly benefiting from the combined efforts of both the Committee and the local community. Difficult issues have been addressed and indeed improved upon over the last number of years. The Village is a credit to the local community and a nice place to relax in.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (04/08/00)

The small village of Ardpatrick looked as well cared for as ever on the second adjudication day. Public spaces and landscaping were as beautifully maintained – in particular, the colourful marigolds at the Ballyhea / Kilfinane crossroads were particularly admired. A sandstone wall had just been

completed to a house on the Kilfinane Road. You would appear to have a practical and thorough approach to the wildlife category of the competition and we look forward to reading the results of your survey for next year's competition. Problem areas were the Sunvale Inn which could be a marvellous building if restored to its former glory – currently, the gable is quite flaky. The adjacent telephone box also sported some flaking to its roof. Weed control was a problem at kerbsides on the upper road close to Bishop Murphy Park. The adjudicator would like to take this opportunity to wish you luck with your future endeavours.