

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAPPAGH**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	190	186

Cappagh, Co. Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed form and for sketch maps which proved helpful on adjudication day. You do not say if you are working to an agreed plan. Such a plan is vital for you to chart out a vision of what Cappagh should look like in five years time. You also need to get the views of the community and their consent for further development. There is no progress on improving the identity of the village. The erection of two fáilte signs at the principal entrances would give you a clearer entity. You should then arrange for directional signs for Cappagh to be put in place.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The work done on the national school is excellent and very much in keeping with the rural surrounds. The church and Handball Centre looked well again this year. It is good to see some of last year's suggestions getting attention.

LANDSCAPING

You have an inordinate amount of roadside verges needing attention. The linear layout of the village and the lengthy approach roads make this quite a challenge for a small community. The hanging baskets are attractive, but you should concentrate on tree planting and on perennial shrubs that will require minimum maintenance. Some individuals have attractive displays of roses and this is commendable. You will get best results from hedges (i.e. the neatly trimmed one opposite the school)

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have potential here to raise your marks by embarking on a wildlife project. However, the bird boxes at the school are acknowledged.

LITTER CONTROL

In general, litter is not a problem and there was none in evidence on adjudication day and litterbins seem adequate.

TIDINESS

Untidiness is caused by unfinished developments and badly kept open spaces. Excessive weed growth on the gutters is also a source of untidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is good to witness extra house building and this should be encouraged as it also provides more manpower for your developments. Builders should be encouraged to finish to a high standard and owners encouraged to landscape as soon as feasible after construction. There are some excellent individual efforts evident and in general people are supportive of tidy towns. Many boundary walls are incomplete or in need of attention, but this will improve with time.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Because of the length of the village road, you have a great deal of area to cover. The crossroads provide you with an opportunity to further landscape. These are ideal community projects and will improve the village appearance if properly developed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is heartening evidence of good community spirit and if you continue with your collective endeavours you will continue to raise your marks. Try and formulate a plan that will provide the necessary guidelines for overall improvement.