

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CASTLECONNELL**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	211	209

Castleconnell, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form and enclosed map of village and surrounding area which highlighted the places of interest in the village

Castleconnell has many fine features, both natural and man made, and the village looked very well on what was a nice summers evening

Castleconnell, because of its location on the Shannon, always attracts day trippers looking for a tranquil place to unwind so it is important that it looks it best at all times

It is good to see co-operation between the committee, county council and most importantly the local population

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard in this category was quite an improvement since last year and is in keeping with the traditional streetscape of Castleconnell

The impressive old world houses in the Tontines still command attention as indeed do many other stately residences in the Spa Road area of the village

It is good to see that new housing developments such as Inis Cleigin are to be designed in such a fashion that they will complement the existing architecture of the Village

The public buildings such as the Church, and School were in top condition.

Meskells is good example of a traditional shopfront that has been kept in the old format

Paddy Guerins, Worralls Inn and the Shannon Inn were some of the impressive commercial premises that are well presented.

Most private residences were freshly painted and some beautiful gardens and well maintained boundary walls.

A number of buildings that looked to be unoccupied were a little tatty, it is important that dereliction does not spread in this attractive village.

Some of the road surfaces in and around the village were a little uneven and it is something that could be brought to the County Councils notice.

LANDSCAPING

There were very good examples of public and private landscaping arrangements.

The rose display in the riverside carpark once again stood out for its colour and quality.

In the centre of the village there are a selection of nice floral arrangements ,tubs ,window boxes and hanging baskets.

It is important that the committee are in regular contact with the County Council horticultural department for advice on

ways to further improve the landscape features in the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Again this year there was little comment or reference to the possibility of developing a wildlife project for the village.

Just to reiterate what was suggested in last years report that the committee seek the advice of a local wildlife enthusiast to help develop a project and then get local schoolchildren involved.

Castleconnell is so lucky to have such a natural wildlife habitat at its doorstep that it would be a pity if some appropriate action was not taken.

LITTER CONTROL

Again the Village was virtually litter free on the day of adjudication.

The work being undertaken by the committee and the community in general is paying off

It is also important that the schoolchildren are being encouraged to spread the message of anti-litter amongst their peers.

Keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

The standard was quite good as there was very little weed growth or fly posting to be seen in the village or on the outskirts. It is still important to have a regular weed control spraying or clean up as it gets out of hand very quickly.

There were a number of construction programmes in progress and these tend to create some problems usually of a temporary nature.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general residential areas were well presented

"Srathanna na Cluanna" is a nice residential area with colourful fronts and healthy copper beech trees.

" Cedarwood Grove " is a little mixed but it has the potential to improve, all it needs is a little more effort on the part of some residents to bring their premises up to standard.

"Meadowbrook" with its well-kept frontages is a nice and secluded area whose residents obviously have a sense of pride of place.

Scanlon Park showed a big improvement on last year.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category was much the same as last year all entrances were for the main part well presented with verges cut back and hedgerows appropriately treated.

For instance the O Briens Bridge Road was in better condition

than last year which makes it easier for drivers to judge space.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village is showing improvement on each visit.

I had recourse to visit it during the winter months when people were not imbued with Tidy Towns fervour and it still was in good condition given the climatic conditions that prevailed.