

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CASTLETOWN**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>162</b>

## **Castletown, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed entry form and sketch map of the village

The committee seems to have succeeded in building up a good relationship with the local authority, FAS and other agencies.

There seems to be more co-operation from the local community this year.

As suggested last year a work plan for a three-year period would be very beneficial and help the village not alone to progress in the competition but also to develop long term

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard, as was the case last year was good, but again there are a number of exceptions that don't seem to have improved or even made an effort to improve.

Public buildings such as the Garda Station and Mid West Health Board premises have improved over the last year.

The Post Office and O'Briens were in good condition as were the Community Centre and a number of private residences.

The Garage on the Kilmallock Road is still too untidy especially with the unattractive car display in front.

One appreciates that the Committee has a constant hard job to keep encouraging people to improve premises as not everyone may be enthusiastic about Tidy Towns, but unfortunately there is no easy way.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Good efforts are being made under this heading and to complement these good efforts it is important that the Committee seek advice from the Local Authority Horticultural Officer for the County.

Castletown has the advantage having of being secluded by magnificent tree specimens that are there for over a century.

The landscaping feature at Casteltown Cross is as eye catching as ever with its stone base and plaque.

The stone flowerbeds and shrub beds on the Kilmallock Road have an excellent mix of shrubs, annuals and perennials and were very well maintained.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have so many natural habitats in and around the environs of the village that it would be a pity if a project to enhance them could not be put in place.

For next year the Committee should try to initiate a simple project involving the local school children and also seeking out assistance from a local wildlife enthusiast.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter to be seen on adjudication day except on the outskirts. The message of litter control is being taken on board by local residents especially by children who after all will be next generation of adults in Castletown.

## **TIDINESS**

The Village is tidy except for the previously mentioned garage and surrounding area.

Hopefully this area will have improved by the time next years competition comes around.

The Committee is to be commended for encouraging the community in general to keep the village as tidy as possible, after all its only a voluntary organisation and there are some things outside its control.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Village, which is small and visually attractive, has not any medium or large estates.

Most premises and immediate adjoining areas are well kept and in some cases augmented by nice flower displays.

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

Entrances to the village are impressive, all have been appropriately cut back where needed and there are some very nice flower displays and striking copper beeches to be seen.

Keep up the effort.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Castletown is improving each year and this year is no exception, so it is important that all local residents play their part in ensuring that this trend continues.

Committee members can overcome the negative issues that are holding the Village back by offering proper encouragement to local residents.

After all outside of the Tidy Towns competition most people do have a pride in their own place; to convert this pride into positive action is the key.