

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COLMANSWELL**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	164	162

COLMANSWELL, COUNTY LIMERICK

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form and sketch of village. You still need a short development plan that will chart the way forward over the next three to five years. This you can do yourselves or by contacting a village planner who will help you formulate your vision for the village in the years ahead. You also need to identify a number of small achievable projects that could be tackled by your committee – in this way your efforts will be co-ordinated and give best results.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village, linear in design, needs to be made more compact. You can do this by concentrating on the village core area. The church is the focal point and will remain so. The old church opposite, together with the unoccupied house, is now an eyesore. It is good to witness new house building and this should be further encouraged. New houses should be designed and built to blend in with the rural ethos of the village. The work on the stone walls is commendable, but seems to be at a standstill. The church is attractive inside and outside and presents a good introduction to the village.

LANDSCAPING

You have worked hard in the development of St. Colmans Well and the surrounding landscaping is praiseworthy. You should now embark on village tree planting – for the next generation. Also avoid too much concrete post and rail fencing. You might consider a mini rose garden at the two principal village entrances – this would give the village a more defined identity.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Wildlife is not limited to birdlife and you should try and get some advice on how best to highlight the wildlife of the area.

LITTER CONTROL

You do not have a problem with litter, so well done.

TIDINESS

Your problems here relate to unfinished development and shoulder areas requiring improved presentation.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Your standard here is good and there is some excellent individual effort in evidence. House building should be finished to a high standard and well landscaped with appropriate boundary walls.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

While the road structure is good there are problems with the verges. The hard shoulder areas need spraying in May. Alternatively where there is ample width, the shoulder areas should be grassed and planted with trees.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village needs improved identity. Consider two fáilte signs for 2001. Give yourself time for improvement and do formulate a plan that will have the approval of the community. Good luck for 2001.