

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **EFFIN**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>184</b>

## **Effin, County Limerick**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed entry and map of village, which is nestled away beneath the Ballyhoura Mountains. Effin is still a place where the pace of life is not as frenetic as in some of our main towns and I sincerely hope that does not change dramatically in years to come. It is a little difficult to find the village if one is not familiar with that area, an improvement in signposting from main roads would not go amiss. The Committee has forged good relationships with both the County Council and local organisations such as Ballyhoura Failte.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard this year was quite good with all buildings both public and private looking well. Both the Church and Community Hall were in very good structural condition but the boundary walls of church and Grotto could be painted. Private dwellings were well presented and credit must be given to locals for the effort they have put into maintaining their premises. The Graveyard was well maintained as was the GAA Grounds which is a little outside the core of the village. I wish you success in your efforts to acquire and do up the derelict house.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Last year it was noted that the committee intended to plant additional shrubs in and around the village, there was evidence that this is taking place and these will mature in future years ahead. Again I urge you to keep in contact with the County Horticulturist to make sure that the village is considered for planting programmes.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Committee should consider seeking the help of Ballyhoura Failte to initiate a wildlife project no matter how small that would reflect the wildlife history of the village and surrounding area. It would be worthwhile to get local schoolchildren involved also.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Again, as was the case last year, the village was virtually litter free. The efforts of the Committee to encourage locals to take part in regular clean ups is paying off.

### **TIDINESS**

This was a category where the standard was very good,

kerbsides were free of weed growth and the bane of rural life the plastic bag was nowhere to be seen.  
Keep up the effort.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The private dwellings many of which were farmsteads were for the most part neat and tidy and reflected well on the occupants. There were a few boundary walls that needed painting, but individual gardens were very colourful on what was a reasonable summers day by Irish standards.

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

The two main entrances were in good condition although the verges were a little overgrown especially on the Ballyhaught Road. The village nameplate and directional signs were clean and visible but as stated earlier it is a little difficult to find the village if one is not familiar to the area.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Just to reiterate what was stated last year that Effin is a pleasant rural village and has the potential to do well in the competition in the years ahead.  
Keep up the effort.