

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FEENAGH**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	225	224

Feenagh, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting completed entry form and sketch map. You do not say if you are working to an agreed three-year plan. However, the evidence of the great amount of stone building and landscaping suggests a keen interest in long term development. You have done well from the Fás schemes, but there is a danger that you may leave the work of Tidy Towns to the statutory agencies and this would be regrettable.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The long linear village offers great advantages in terms of compactness. You are also fortunate in the continuity of the village – extending from the G.A.A. field to the Garage. The Eircom kiosk is now deteriorating and needs attention. The public buildings i.e. church and school looked well again this year. The community hall is undergoing development and had some rubble outside. There was also some footpaths being uprooted on adjudication day and a large skip outside the church, which is under refurbishment. Carnegie Hall is attractive and well presented.

LANDSCAPING

This is one of your strong points and the landscaping of previous years is paying dividends. The footpath on the approach from the G.A.A. field is unique with its attractive stone kerbing. The Feenagh 2000 feature is excellent on this prominent curve. However, the silage “pyramid” behind it is quite obtrusive. The beech hedge planted opposite the school is the type of development you should pursue and will complement the stone wall building. Could some tree planting be done outside the G.A.A. boundary – this area is in need of development?

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Planting more hedgerows will promote wildlife. Perhaps the local school could be encouraged to list the local wildlife and this would help to popularise the concept.

LITTER CONTROL

Another one of your strong points. As mentioned last year you have performed well in this section and credit is due all round. The recycling unit is commendable.

TIDINESS

The areas needing attention here include the oil depot near the Carnegie Hall, the green roofed corrugated barn roof near the rear of the church, and the rusty corrugated roof on the Community Hall approach. In general, the village has an air of tidiness throughout, but you now need to pay greater attention to detail to raise your marks further.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The quality and presentation of houses in the village is very good. There is some excellent individual effort here also. The two small houses near the village pump need painting on this focal point in the village. The new house owners should be encouraged to finish the boundary walls and landscape as soon as feasible. Some boundary walls would benefit from painting. You have a good example of old stone wall building on the approach from the school, which is very attractive. Don't be tempted to remove the growth from here.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Both of the approach roads were well presented and a good deal of grass cutting has taken place. There is some weed growth on the gutters of the garage boundary wall. The welcome sign on the G.A.A. field approach is now obscured by hedge growth. Road surface is good throughout and well complemented with good footpaths.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

An attractive village with many well presented traditional features. Our challenge now is to tackle the problem areas mentioned and pay more attention to detail. You now need a fresh improvements plan for the next three years. Well done on a fine performance.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (04/08/00)

The adjudicator noted your comments in relation to the new drainage scheme – hopefully this will be forthcoming in the not too distant future, as the road surface is currently in bad condition. The “Welcome to Feenagh” sign on the Ballyagran Road was virtually obscured by overgrowth, as it had been at first adjudication. The millennium feature in limestone with planted beds at the prominent bend in the village was greatly admired. Work was ongoing to the church. An out building on the Newcastlewest Road was in need of re-whitewashing and the repainting of its tin roof. Fly posting is a practice which should be discouraged – it was in evidence on the day. Congratulations on the schools green flag status the evidence of which was proudly flying at the boundary on the day. Feenagh is an attractive and quaint village which is always a pleasure to visit.

