

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GARRYSPELLANE**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	17	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	159

Garryspillane, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks for submitting the completed entry form with sketch indicating areas of the village.

In last years report it was suggested that the committee should consider putting together a 2-year working plan.

This would outline and prioritise work tasks which would make it that bit easier for the committee to evaluate progress.

Garryspillane is a very small and scattered village and it is good to see that sponsorship was made available from local business interests.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new road surface has enhanced the village of Garryspillane

The standard of presentation of both commercial and private buildings was quite good.

Garryspillane is slightly unique in that it does not have a church or School of its own but it does possess a famous local hostelry.

Hincheys Main Opel Dealers were once again to the fore with excellent rose beds complementing the well maintained forecourt and garage.

Both the Post Office and the Welcome Inn were presented to a high standard with attractive flower boxes and stone flowerbeds.

Dairygolds premises have improved since last year although a stretch of wall needs to be painted.

It seems that there is still no progress on the renewal of three bridges mentioned in last years report.

LANDSCAPING

There has been good progress in this category judging by the excellent planting arrangements at the Cross of The Tree and at the Post Office.

Individual householders had made a special effort to add colour to properties by means of colourful gardens and other forms of floral displays.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There has been some progress since last year as work has started on cleaning the Banks of The Morning Star.

Now is the oppotune time to plan ahead and initiate a wildlife project and make sure that local school children are involved in this process.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on adjudication day and it is good to see that the weekly clean ups are working effectively. Credit is due to those responsible as it is very hard to do weekly clean up in a village that is very scattered and in the midst of farm activity.

TIDINESS

The village for the most part was tidy and business people have given the lead in this respect.

Unfortunately there were a few farmyards that were very messy and were not in keeping with the rest of the village.

It is up to the Committee to encourage owners to contribute to the Tidy towns effort by improving their respective farm holdings.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Village itself is really one residential area as there are no housing schemes that one finds in other villages and towns.

Private residences were well maintained with both the new and established blending well together with boundary walls and back areas clean and presentable.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Tipperary was much improved since last year and this can also said of the Galbally and Ballylanders Roads, which had the grass verges cut back to an acceptable level.

The Kilfinane Road was still a little overgrown at the edges, but the Limerick entrance was in very good condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Last year was Garryspillanes first time entering the Tidy Towns Competition and in that one year it has achieved quite a lot.

The Committee of 13 are doing good work by getting the local community to become involved.

As I said the new road through the village has given it a lift even though this has its downside in speeding traffic.

In a few years time it may be necessary to introduce traffic calming, on a personal note I hope not as the place has a sense of tranquillity that cannot be bought in this age of progress.