

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **HOSPITAL**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	20	19
Tidiness	20	11	9
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	183	173

Hospital, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL CONTROL

Thank you for returning completed entry form and sketch map. You do not mention if you are working to an agreed plan. Your small number of members leaves you with a task far too great in such a community-orientated competition. You have a lot going for you in Hospital and the town's layout is favourable to you increasing your marks considerably. Your challenge is to generate a greater interest in the environmental well being of the town and recruit new members. You should also consider setting up resident's sub-committees that would lay greater emphasis on improving their respective areas.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The town has many fine buildings and the main street has many attractive traditional shopfronts. Public buildings in particular are well presented. Pobalscoil Eoin Baiste is one of the finest in the country. The landscaping here is excellent and the spacious well kept car park and playing areas offer a most pleasant complex. The tree planting here is also praiseworthy. The National School is shabby with poor surrounds and Boundary walls. The church and car park are well presented. The garage near the public library is quite untidy and could improve with little effort. The Ceard Scoil needs painting – is there a new use for this building now?

LANDSCAPING

You have scored well in this section and the landscaping on the Limerick Road entrance is excellent. The high maintenance requirements reflect great credit on all concerned. There is an attractive area of landscaping opposite O'Sullivan's shop that fronts a terrace of four houses. Similar developments could be carried out in several parts of the town. In general your approach roads are well maintained and the principal approaches in particular. The fountain opposite the Ceard Scoil is attractive – should it be working? You have great scope for further tree planting as mentioned in last year's report.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Please refer to last year's comments. Wildlife is now an integral part of the competition and valuable marks can be awarded for involving yourselves in a suitable project.

LITTER CONTROL

It was impressive to observe an absence of litter on the main street in particular. You seem to be getting the co-operation of the community in this respect.

TIDINESS

You have pockets of untidiness due principally to unattended open spaces and unoccupied or derelict houses. Many of these problems are beyond the scope of a small committee, but you need to alert the owners to the problem.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estates are impressive in their presentation and many individuals have excellent flower gardens. Some boundary walls would benefit from painting. Glenview Drive needs an improved identity sign. You should consider some landscaping that would incorporate the estate's name at the entrance from the main road area. The tree planting and grass cutting is very good here.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road structure and road surface in Hospital and on the approach roads is the best in the county. Indeed, the adjudicator is puzzled at the difference in standards between neighbouring towns within the same county. It now behoves proprietors of commercial properties in particular to match the road standard by keeping their premises to a high standard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

After an absence of several years, this adjudicator was highly impressed with the degree of improvement in Hospital. You are well positioned to further advance in the competition but you need greater community involvement. Good luck for the future.