

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKLONG**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	214	208

Knocklong, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for an excellent submission outlining the work on hand and your problems. You do not say if you are working to an agreed plan. As mentioned previously, you have a very large area to cover and much of previous year's work is quite demanding on maintenance. It is heartening to read that the community support is so strong and your ability to fund your many projects is praiseworthy.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have scored well in this section and your many large and well designed old buildings are well presented. You have made good use of stone as material for many of your developments. The square around Dooley's Garage is attractive and well presented with superb individual effort. The railway station yard has had some fencing erected and this is bringing a degree of discipline to the area. The yard of the former hotel is still a let down.

LANDSCAPING

This is one of your strong points and much of previous years landscaping is enhancing the town throughout. Again this year, the approach from the church is attractive with the grass embankment well presented. Similarly, the Mitchelstown, Elton and Tipperary approaches are well presented.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have opportunity here under the proposed Slí na Sláinte route to further highlight the wildlife of the area. However, it is accepted that the landscaping of previous years is contributing to wildlife – so well done.

LITTER CONTROL

It was heartening to witness an almost litter free centre and your work in this section is commendable. It also reflects a consciousness amongst the community for litter control.

TIDINESS

Your problems here relate to untidy yards and some unfinished building developments. Commercial developers in particular should be encouraged to keep their premises tidy. Comments made in last year's report apply again this year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Housing and presentation of gardens are of a good standard and there is evidence of great individual effort in this section. You have a good mix of terraced, semi-detached and detached houses throughout the area and for the most part they are well presented, with some excelling in how they present their premises.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general, you have performed well in this section. Road traffic is quite busy throughout and the many entrances to the town make traffic discipline vital to the safety of the residents. There is a blatant abuse of the speed limit requirement between the bridge and the garage.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have improved your marks slightly, which reflect great commitment to tidy towns in general. Your challenge now is to maintain your standard, increase your community involvement and tackle the many problem areas outlined in this and previous reports.