

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOUNTCOLLINS**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	192	188

Mountcollins, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form and accompanying sketch map which was useful to this adjudicator visiting Mountcollins for the first time.

The number of committee members seems very large for such a small village I feel it would be better if there was a more manageable steering committee and a number of sub groups that would undertake various tasks.

It is good to see the level of co-operation between the County Council and other organisations such as West Limerick Resource.

A work plan would be a welcome addition for next year's competition, as it would outline what needs to be done over a specific period.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The first thing that struck one entering Mount Collins was the very poor condition of the road surface, with the exception of part of the village.

They should consider applying to Limerick County Council with a view to including the road in a refurbishment programme.

There are number of very positive features to the village not least the well-appointed amenity and grotto area at the bridge.

The village pump could be done up to enhance this whole area even more.

The Post Office, which holds a central position in the village, was very well presented as was the Church and aforementioned Grotto.

There is a derelict house with attractive frontage for sale I would hope that it would be restored in its original fashion.

LANDSCAPING

As was the case last year the standard in this category was excellent and the little vegetable garden was very much to the fore.

The Grotto area has benefited from additional planting which incidentally was extremely well maintained and credit is due to the person responsible.

Some additional shrub and flowerbeds could enhance the amenity park at the bridge even further.

There was an excellent flower arrangement at the Post Office

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The erection of a wildlife sign is welcomed and will highlight

what is already a natural area for species of wildlife.
It would have been nice to explore the River walkway even more.
The Village is lucky to have such natural attractions and it is up to the committee to enhance them even further by developing appropriate initiatives each year.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter control was quite good, obviously the regular clean ups are working. The community in general has taken the recommendations of last years report on board.

TIDINESS

It is important to make sure that the basic elements such as control of weed growth, prevention of flyposting where possible are adhered to.
It is the responsibility of local residents that keep open spaces clean and to have as little dereliction as possible.
Where there are derelict buildings simple camouflage jobs can be done to present them in a more acceptable light.
In Mountcollins there was a little weed growth to be seen most notably at Community Centre Car Park.
Make sure that weeds are sprayed at the appropriate time namely early summer and intervals during the following months.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Mountcollins is a rural village that has its own charm and that special rural tranquillity.
Residents are proud of their village and this is reflected in the manner in which they keep their premises and gardens many of which have extremely colourful flower displays.
Most have kept the traditional features and it is hoped that any further developments that are planned will be in keeping with what is already in place.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The condition of road surfaces as alluded earlier in the report is not acceptable and does not create a good impression as one enters the village.
As was the case last year there are a number of boundary walls that could be improved upon.
The entrances, road surface aside, were in the main presented in an acceptable manner.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Mountcollins is a nice tranquil rural village with a number of very attractive features.
With the proper direction it has the potential to do well in the

competition in the years ahead.
Consider making the steering committee smaller it lends
itself to better decision-making.