

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SHANAGOLDEN**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	25	27
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	197	200

Shanagolden, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form. There is a weakness in your application in that you have not sent us any information about your work on hand. It is imperative that you formulate a three-year plan and create a vision for the Shanagolden of five years time. The village is quite large relevant to the population, and this increases the challenge for you.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are some excellent old buildings in the village but many of these are now in decline and some beyond repair. The principal buildings were well presented again this year i.e. the church, school, the excellently presented Parish Hall and commercial premises throughout the village. Some individuals have gone to great trouble in embellishing their premises with flower boxes and hanging baskets.

LANDSCAPING

You have maintained your standard in this section. Much of last year's tree planting is now manifesting in a positive way. Some of the landscaping embarked upon some years ago is now in need of improved maintenance. The main street could be improved by paying greater attention to detail.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have great potential for the promotion and popularisation of wildlife and you should consider a survey of local birdlife in association with the schools. The adjacency of the area beside the Vocational School would be a good place to start.

LITTER CONTROL

The adjudicator found this section most disappointing. After the compliments of last year it was a shock to find such an abundance of litter in so many places throughout the village. This includes main street and approach roads. It is the community's responsibility to control the litter and they are letting you down in this respect.

TIDINESS

Your problems here relate to a plethora of derelict, semi-derelict and unoccupied premises. Also, there are many unattended open spaces in need of a clean up. You

should list the ones causing greatest problems and contact the owners or Limerick County Council with a view to improvement. Local Authorities now have special powers in the area of dereliction.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

This is one of your strong points and you have scored well here. Some gardens excel and project an attractive image for the area in which they are located – so well done.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general road surface within the village is poor especially in the main street. Footpaths are also poor and should be upgraded. Disappointing too is the standard of signpost and signs, many gone rusty and in need of painting. The entrance to Capt. Tim Madigan Park is very untidy and requires effort to bring it back to its former standard. Park View is well presented but the caravan on the green should be removed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have declined in standard and you now need to regroup and seek the support you deserve from the Community. You need to impress upon all sections of the Community how important full co-operation is for the commercial and social life of the village. You have many historic features and traditions associated with Shanagolden that should be highlighted to your advantage.