

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CADAMSTOWN**
County : **OFFALY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	23
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	213	207

Cadamstown, County Offaly.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completed entry form, photographs, good sketch map and additional notes. It is commendable that in your efforts to improve and maintain Cadamstown that you work with the Offaly County Council, FAS, Shannon Development and the Offaly LEADER group. Certainly it would appear that the people of Cadamstown are maximising what is on offer in their area and thereby making the village a better place in which to live for themselves.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and grounds were well presented as was the Riverside Inn, although a wooden sign instead of the plastic one here at present would be more in keeping with the character of the village. The blue and white telephone box, which does have character, needed some attention and we would suggest that the footpath be continued from this telephone box up to the nature trail area. The Post Office and Tea /Craft shop were quite well presented with a nice rose bed adjacent to the latter. We noted that a good stone wall was in the course of being built past the Church.

LANDSCAPING

The riverside area is very well kept with beautiful colour and interest for the visitor. The raised bed near the Riverside Inn was admired as was the picnic area and the landscaping on the road leading up to the entrance to the Nature Trail. We would suggest that a membrane and bark be used around the shrubs in the riverside car park for ease of maintenance. If possible, plastic containers for planting should be replaced by more environmentally friendly materials such as terra cotta or wood. The old stone trough is a nice feature and if not being used for what it was intended could make a nice planter.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES.

The maintenance work outlined in respect of the already established nature trail is essential and we noted that you have plans to extend this trail to the opposite side of the Silver River and also to create a pond for wild ducks and geese nearer to the village.

LITTER CONTROL.

There were no bins noted in Cadamstown but there was no litter either. Your signs stating that this is a litter free area appear to be working but, of course, constant vigilance is needed in this regard.

TIDINESS

The village has a neat and tidy appearance throughout and all wall bases and kerbsides were weed free.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Any private houses in and around the village and especially the house near the old Mill are contributing fully to the Tidy Towns effort in Cadamstown.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signage is good throughout the village. Approach roads are well maintained – in some instances left natural but this is very attractive as ferns, elderflower and meadow sweet come into their own. It was noted that the hedges on the left hand side up to the Church were very well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A small village making the most of its natural amenities. Keep up the good work.