

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONEA-POWER**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	18	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	20	19
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	19
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	164	155

Clonea-Power, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

An impressive entry form, including the up-date of the Clonea-Power Development Plan. Though not all of the targets for 2000 seemed to have been met by the date of adjudication, several had been, and there is the likelihood that you will achieve the rest by the end of the summer. Certainly the positive attitude to the man-made and the natural environment is very strong in your community. Next year, and in succeeding years, please mark on your map where improvements have been completed – it is unlikely that we will miss any, but one wants to be sure.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The magnificent Church in its well-kept grounds is beautifully maintained; thought should now be given to the ironwork. The School and its grounds are also well kept. The principal business premises is well presented, but its gable is somewhat spoiled by mass-produced signage. The Community Hall is another handsome building looking very trim at the time of adjudication – if some way of disguising the concrete look of the new piers to match the old could be found it would be admirable. The old houses opposite the pub are the best in the village and should be preserved at all costs, as it is they, more than any others, which give the village its rare quality. The vacant site in the centre of this row should, ideally, be replaced with an infill house in the same style.

LANDSCAPING

Extensive shrub planting was favourably noted – before very long this will mature as a real asset. Trim grass, such as in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin (incidentally, the glass was broken at the time of the visit) was also admired. Grass cuttings should always be removed immediately after mowing. Floral decorations here and there add charm – but it is surely very much against the spirit of this kind of enterprise to use plastic flowers, and this should be discontinued where it exists. The neatly cleared vacant site opposite the bridge is ideal for a well-planned landscape project, if houses are not to be built there.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The riverbanks looked well – the river is the most important single natural feature of the neighbourhood – congratulations on the continuing work of maintenance. There is a wonderful opportunity for tree-planting alongside

the fence at the estate on the Rathgormack road. You do not mention the conservation of bird and animal life – perhaps these will be drawn into your plan in future years.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter. The two places where litter was in any way conspicuous was at the housing estate on the Rathgormack road, and also near the school. It should not be difficult for householders to pick up litter when it appears in front of them – though of course it should not be dropped in the first place.

TIDINESS

An untidy entrance to a vacant bungalow, some severe poisoning which had left a trail of brown weed, kerbside weed at the Health Centre, and some quite unkempt verges, caught the eye; these are minor blemishes which could quite easily be avoided. The empty space in the row of houses might be better screened or planted, unless a new house is to be built there in replica of its neighbours.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses in the village are very nicely kept, some with delightful gardens. Most of the houses in the estate on the Rathgormack road (which is not shown on the map) are well kept. On the day of adjudication there was much kerbside weed and, as mentioned above, grass-cutting had been done but the hay not removed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces are good. The new car park opposite the Church is very well laid out, and was weed and litter free; its stone walls are a first class feature. The new wooden fence alongside the Rathgormack road is solid and attractive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A very pleasant village in delightful surroundings, increasingly well cared for by its residents.