

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CASTLEDALY**  
County : **WESTMEATH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	33
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>180</b>

## **Castledaly, County Westmeath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Castledaly is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. Thank you for your completed application and three to five year plan, this facilitated adjudication and, of course, informs us of your objectives and gives us the opportunity to comment. The village is a crossroads village which has developed around Kilcleagh House Estate (now Castledaly Manor). The village enjoys the various aspects of the estate, such as woodland area, river, pond, extensive stretches of stone wall and so on. We note with interest your plans to develop the church at Boggagh as a Midlands Retreat and Peace Centre and wish you well in this undertaking. Your list of objectives to 2002 are not only admirable but are also feasible. We particularly look forward to the development of the Heritage Project and, of course, welcome the contribution that the implementation of objectives will make to the life of the community.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Fitzgeralds pub is beautiful and its rose displays were in full bloom during adjudication. Sean Kellys shop is presented to a high standard as is the forecourt area and general circulation here. The school looks really well with its newly painted building and its beautifully landscaped grounds. The old school which serves as a community centre is still in the course of redevelopment and the list of achievements to date are admirable.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping at Fitzgeralds was much admired, well done! The weatherstained walls of the sports grounds and other walls are being successfully softened in their visual impact by the climbing plants. Young trees are maturing well (particularly on the Athlone Road) and will form a fine heritage for generations to come. The picnic sites are a welcome development. The graveyard looks well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Stretches of hedgerow throughout the village and on approach roads are being well managed and must be a haven for wildlife. The village has a number of wildlife habitats, most notably woodland and wetland habitats. This, of course, is a valuable asset and of which the community is aware (as is evidenced by the wildlife signs erected by the Community Development Group). There has obviously been a lot of

survey work done on the wildlife reserve and we note your list of fauna present, which include falcons, duck, crane and other birds together with foxes, badgers, stoats, squirrels and rabbits. The competition organised for the senior school pupils was an excellent idea and, no doubt, will produce fruitful results for the future in addition to those produced for today. Congratulations on the sponsorship of this competition by SuperValu in Moate.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was very good, well done. Do you have a litter control management plan? If so, send in details for next years competition.

### **TIDINESS**

There are no major problems under this heading. Continue to be vigilant regarding the appearance of side and back areas and corners which can be viewed from the public realm.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most residential properties are presented to the highest of standards and there are many beautifully landscaped gardens. The house located beside the church features a wonderful display of wildflower on its roadside boundary.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

A nameplate should be provided on the 'Moate' approach road marking the entrance to the village. Other nameplates were well presented. Approaches to the village featured a display of seasonal wildflowers and hedgerow, while verges of margins within the village limits were neatly trimmed and hedgerow was being well managed. Stretches of stone wall look well. The verge and hedgerow between the school and the crossroads could have been better managed. This stretch should always be kept cut back as it forms part of the village centre. Only those along approach roads can be allowed to become overgrown.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Castledaly is extremely favourable. Well done on a fine presentation.