

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CASTLETOWN GEOGHEGAN**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	178	174

Castletown Geoghegan, County **Westmeath**

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Castletown Geoghegan is very welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. The village is beautifully located in a rural setting close to major towns and a national primary route. The layout of the village is attractive and there are some excellent views from approach roads of the church steeple and square. It is good to note you are aware of your historical heritage. Perhaps a good public relations exercise will rekindle flagging interest in the competition. Consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas / suggestions.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As noted last year, there are a number of well presented buildings in the village. The church looks exceptional and the garage is very well presented. The Health Centre and the Community Hall look reasonably well.

LANDSCAPING

The young, semi-mature and mature trees on the Mullingar road are an excellent introduction to the village. Landscaping in the centre is maturing nicely also. Seating is suggested at the junction of the Tyrellspass and Kilbeggan roads.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Work in progress was noted at the graveyard. Perhaps some details of its historical value can be forwarded with next year's application. Wildlife habitats should be identified and a species survey undertaken in order to identify threats and take appropriate protective measures.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good. Two litter bins at the church were full (but not quite overflowing), one of them was in need of cleaning. It is good to note the daily sweep-ups during the summer.

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. Be vigilant regarding weed growth along kerbs and at the base of walls and buildings. Don't forget to have all building materials removed upon completion of works.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Neat verges and hedgerow to residential development were a feature on entering from the Loughnavally end. There are many fine properties in the village but some boundary walls/roadside areas to these were in need of attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are neatly presented and nameplates look well. Road signs are being nicely maintained also. Footpaths and stone walls are in good general condition. Some old style field gates were noted which are worth refurbishing. Try to retain their traditional pillars where these exist.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Castletown Geoghegan is a lovely village and the adjudicators look forward to many repeat visits.