

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RAHARNEY**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	177

Raharney, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Raharney is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. Raharney is a beautiful village which enjoys a magnificent setting in lush pasturelands on the bank of a river and which features many attractive elements such as two green areas and the amenity development of the river bank. These are complemented by the gentle curve of the main road and the overall layout of the village which all work together to charm and stimulate the inquisitive eye. Congratulations on work achieved to date, it makes impressive reading and we wish you luck for the future, in particular we thank you for your well completed application.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

McHughs pub looks well as does The Granite. The outbuildings behind McHughs pub spoil an otherwise excellent entrance to the village, their roofs could be repainted and walls either whitewashed or planted with a climbing plant. Other poor roofs and walls mark the entrance to the village centre from the southern road (at the STOP sign). The church looks well, (its railings in particular). The school boundary wall could be a little cleaner but the car parking area here is being well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaped Fair Green in the village is excellent in presentation, well done to those involved in its design, layout and maintenance. Work in progress was noted on the river bank across from the grotto. We look forward to seeing the completed development at next year's adjudication, well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Please send in more details of what you wish to be considered under this heading. Your Tidy Towns Handbook is an excellent source of guidance and information.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good throughout the village and on approach roads. Do keep us up to date on your activities under this heading.

TIDINESS

The derelict building and charming but derelict cottage near the speed limit signs on the Ballivor entrance to the village are

a problem under this heading. The old petrol pumps could be cleaned up and painted. The flower barrels here are quite a nice touch.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A residential property located near the Fair Green looked poor in presentation of its curtilage area, perhaps construction work is in progress here? The southern entrance to the village could be planted with flowering hedgerow to its timber post fencing. The stone wall to the roadside boundary of the 'Ashcroft Park' development is a nice finish. Some work needs to be accomplished along kerbs in this development and some of the green areas could be landscaped.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Verges on approach roads marking the entrance to the village had been recently cut but quite roughly and so the overall appearance was not good. Verges further out that had not been cut had generous displays of wild flowers which is quite appealing. Have enquiries been made regarding the ducting of service cables in the village centre?

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Raharney is a beautiful village which is a pleasure to adjudicate.