

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAHER**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	26	27
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	196	193

Caher, County Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form, additional notes and the sketch map. We note that you work with the Local Development Association, FAS and Clare County Council in your efforts to improve and enhance your village and this is to be commended. The proposed development of a slipway for boats and fishing stands, for which you have already obtained funding, sounds very worthwhile and we look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition in the years ahead.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new post office is well presented. However, at the pink premises next door, slates have come off the roof and these should be attended to or this building will deteriorate further. The Church at Kilclaren was visited and the nicely kept grounds (work undertaken by FAS) were noted. The Caravan and Camping Park did not appear to be open.

LANDSCAPING

As usual, the heart of the village was a riot of colour through the good work undertaken in planting up the flower bed and the numerous bastable pots. The area at Bunshoon Bridge, where work was in progress the last time visited, is now very pleasant and well landscaped. It was also noted that there was good access to the well on the road out to the bridge. The picnic area at the waterside, where a boat was moored, was noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The undisturbed nesting area on the road leading up to Bunshoon Bridge was noted. There is scope for further wildlife projects in your area.

LITTER CONTROL

In general, litter control was good, with no obvious problem areas. Although constant vigilance is necessary in this area.

TIDINESS

The village was mostly neat and tidy, though some more work would be undertaken near the waterside past the pier.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new houses in the village and on the surrounds are contributing to the village community and no doubt all these will be finished to a high standard of décor and landscaping in due course. Other private houses are fully contributing to the Tidy Towns effort. One private house in the village, which has a thatched seat feature in front was being worked on during adjudication and no doubt will be also completed to a high standard in due course.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREA

The approach roads have been well cut back and tended. The road surface has been improved and signage was good throughout.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Caher is a village set in a beautiful rural and waterside area and the Committee is ensuring that developments are in keeping with this setting. Keep up the good work.