

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ARDATTIN**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	36	35
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	246	244

Ardattin, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your attached letter outlining the Ardattin Tidy Village Committee's plan for the remainder of the year 2001. Your overall approach is a practical and good one. You are adopting a limited number of yearly achievable tasks. It is also a guide for your committee and something which can be built on over the coming years. As indicated last year you continue to do great work on behalf of the community and perhaps now is the time to get some more recruits to assist you in your very valuable work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All public buildings continue to be very well maintained. The granite Millennium Jubilee Candle is a lovely and is a tribute to all those involved. The grotto continues to be well maintained as does the school which is of a very high standard. The overall presentation of the pub is very good and the work done to the forecourt since last year is extremely good. Well done to those concerned.

LANDSCAPING

The standard of landscaping and maintenance throughout is very good. The grass on the green spaces is neat and tidy. Flowers, shrubs, trees and plants throughout are maintained in excellent condition. The entrance to the housing estate again looks very well being weed free and tidy. It was great to see that you received second prize in the Carlow's Floral Pride 2001 Competition and that you have entered again this year.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

One notes your appreciation of wildlife with your care for the hedgerows. As indicated last year you have an important role to play in helping to increase the appreciation of wild life in your village. For next year do look at other areas such as the graveyard and Church grounds. Hedgerows are important in the conservation of wildlife and the scenic quality of your village. In the hedgerows there are a variety of trees, shrubs, plants, flora and insects. The next step will be to identify the various species of insect and plant life. ENFO, at No.17 St Andrews Street, Dublin 2 has a briefing sheet on hedgerows and it contains very valuable information.

LITTER CONTROL

The committee's main aim to keep litter at a minimum is a laudable one. You continue to work very hard and your vigilance is necessary. The arrangements which you have put in place for the control of litter is good. There was some pieces of litter in the housing estate and also on the green area in one corner. Perhaps a litterbin could be located

there which could help to prevent it being littered. Your efforts on litter control are good and will pay off eventually.

TIDINESS

Kerbs throughout were maintained in very good condition, were weed free and tidy. All residents are making a good effort in keeping the kerbs in their areas weed free. However more vigilance is necessary in the housing the estate.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses in the Beechwood Estate continue to maintain their properties to a very good standard. Only some boundary walls need attention. All other houses throughout the village as those in Beechwood, take great pride in presenting their properties to a very high standard. Those who live in the village are to be commended for their efforts and contribution to the Tidy Towns Committee's work.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The sign posting is clean and in good condition. The road surfaces continue to be in good condition. The base of the walls are weed free and clean. The new wooden seats which you put in place this year do look very good and, hopefully, both residents and visitors will take some time out and rest.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As a committee your work is invaluable to the community and to the appearance of the village. You are striving very hard to enhance the overall presentation of your village. Hard work and commitment will eventually help to achieve success for you. Well done to all.

SECOND ROUND (28/07/01)

Well done on another fine presentation. Ardattin looked wonderful during second adjudication. We wish you well in your plans for the future. Do try to put together a three year work programme. Landscaping was admired throughout the village. The grass at the shrubbery in Beechwood Drive was a little too long to show off shrubs to good effect. Nature trails / Slí na Sláinte walks will add a new dimension to Ardattin when developed. Road and footpath surfaces together with a wirescape free aspect to the village are appreciated. It is anticipated that new housing developments will complement the existing character and ambience of Ardattin.