

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLONMORE**  
County : **CARLOW**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>216</b>

## **Clonmore, County Carlow**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for returning your application form for this year's Competition. As suggested last year it would help you enormously to produce a simple plan to cover the next three to five years. It should detail each of the year's programme of activities. Put down a limited number of yearly achievable items to do which will get results for you. Do also look on it as a guide for your Committee and it can be built on over the coming years. The new project which you have taken on board is a very worthy one and one does look forward to seeing progress being made each year. Do involve the Schools in your activities and also perhaps you might be able to include some new members to help you with the work in hand.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The presentation of buildings in the village is very good. The Churches continue to be maintained in good condition but one needs the walls painted and in the other the windows need attention. The Graveyard is maintained in excellent condition. The Pub is well presented and perhaps the old petrol pump could be refurbished. The restoration of the Old Church is a very worthy project and the work done to date does look very good. Well done to all concerned.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping throughout the village is maintained to a very high standard. The planters at the Church and the area across from the Church are maintained in excellent condition. The open green space opposite the Pub had a delightful selection of shrubs, trees and plants. The grass was neat and tidy. On the Hacketstown road the raised green area there was again looking very well. At the well area the landscaping was in excellent shape and the gates, railings, etc, similar. This aspect is a strong point with you and again well done to everybody who take the time and effort to having it looking like this.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is an area which you should work on for next year and put it down in your Plan. The stream and the hedgerows throughout the village are very important habitats for wild plants, insects and animals. Do contact the Conservation Volunteers of Ireland who will let you have their literature and will be only too glad to give whatever help and assistance you will need. You might also have an expert in your local area. One should also involve the school in this project and they will find it challenging to seek out what wildlife exists in their village.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Your management and control of litter is good throughout. Very little was evident on the day of adjudication and it is a tribute to all those concerned. However continue to be vigilant and do not allow any slippage in future years.

## **TIDINESS**

The control of weeds at kerbs and walls is very good throughout. The grounds of the community hall is very suitable for the recycling bins and this should help enormously contribute to the overall tidiness of the village.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the houses are well presented and the owners make a great effort to having them looking good so that they contribute to the overall appearance of the village. Some do need work done to them and boundary walls need attention in some areas. Perhaps the Committee might find ways and means of encouraging and perhaps giving assistance to those who need help in maintaining their properties.

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

The area in front of the church has been tarmacadamed and it certainly improves the overall presentation of it. The signposts throughout are clean and are maintained in very good condition. The approach roads are tidy.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee in the presentation of Clonmore is commendable. You are doing tremendous work for the community to have the village looking its best, no doubt you will continue to keep this up. Again do work on your three year plan. Well done to all concerned for continuing to work hard and having pride in their village.