

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MYSHALL**
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	30	29
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	225	224

Myshall, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning your Application Form for the Competition this year and also for your very positive comments on the adjudication last year. It is good to see that the local Primary School and Foroige Club are much more active in your Tidy Towns Campaign because they will be your members in the years ahead. Do continue to liaise with the Local Authority, FAS and other agencies who are only too anxious to give whatever help and assistance they can. I also note that you continue to enter in Carlow's Floral Pride Competition which does help to increase the awareness which flowers and plants can make to the appearance of your village. Do continue to work on your plan and perhaps also build on it. It may take time to complete many of the tasks but the end result will come sometime. As indicated last year you have the potential to do well in this Competition with great support from the community plus a large Tidy Towns Committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The public buildings in Myshall are maintained to a very good standard. Both Churches and their surroundings are maintained in excellent condition. The Community Centre, Tobar Bhride and the Health Centre were clean and tidy although the Health Centre would need re-painting. The business premises again this year continue to look good but limit the amount of advertising hoardings. The refurbishment of one pub is almost completed and does look very well. The Grotto as always is well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The grass was cut in front of the Tobar Bhride area, but the back area going towards the church does need to receive attention. More regular grass cutting is needed to keep this neat and tidy. The shrub bed by the car park and community centre is maintained very well and kept weed free. The Millennium Park looked great and the trees and planters are maintained in excellent condition. Perhaps you might tidy and trim the area of this park near the stream. The village and the community are privileged to have an asset like this. No doubt all will row in and help the Tidy Towns Committee with its maintenance and upkeep.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Perhaps over the next few years you might focus on this aspect of the Competition. You have areas throughout the village which are natural wildlife habitats. The areas would include Tobar Bhride, the Millennium Park and the hedgerows throughout the area. Identifying the various species of plant and wild life will prove very enjoyable and will be appreciated by the community.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is a very important aspect of the Competition and does need constant vigilance. The Tobar Bhrìde area and grounds including the pond do need more vigilance. There was litter in the pond and also in the green spaces going towards the Church. The streets and the St Oliver's Housing Estate, where only very small amounts were to be seen, was good overall. It is noted that you have the School involved in your litter campaign and this should help enormously. It is advised to look at ways and means of removing litter, plastic bottles, etc from the pond and also keep the other areas of Tobar Bhrìde litter free.

TIDINESS

The recycling facilities provided in the car park should help considerably in maintaining the tidiness of your village. They were in perfect condition and the area around them clean and tidy. The kerbs on the Borris road had weeds which did not contribute to the overall tidiness of the village. As indicated last year in the report, it does need constant monitoring. Otherwise, throughout the village it was very good.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The shrub beds in the housing estate did need attention. The grass was neat and tidy. The picnic table here needs to be refurbished or replaced. Also the kerbs in this area need the weeds removed from them. The trees are maintained in good condition and are maturing nicely. Other properties throughout the village continue to present a very good standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The carpark across from the Church was well maintained. The approach roads were untidy and they did need the verges to be trimmed. Some of the signs do need to be cleaned and the poles, which are rusting, need treatment.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is noted from your comments on the form that finance is a huge problem and the lack of it slows down the work. However, you have done excellent work to date and you should build on that. As indicated last year, you can do well in this Competition and well done to the Committee and the local community for helping out with this movement. You have a large committee who are doing great work and would suggest that you plan for more regular cutting of the Tobar Bhrìde area and also setting aside a small amount of time to remove the weeds from the kerbs.

SECOND ROUND (28/07/01)

The village of Myshall enjoys an enviable setting against a

backdrop of a low hill. Views into the village from both the Bagenalstown road and the hill road are significant and should be protected in the course of future development. The gentle rise and fall of approach roads add a feeling of anticipation which is fulfilled on entering Myshall. The stand of mature Yew trees in the graveyard is a wonderful element of the village. Some buildings could be improved in the presentation of their entrances and building materials should be removed as soon as possible. Litter control remains very good and the Recycling Point was very tidy.