

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TINRYLAND**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	25
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	19	19
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	171	165

Tinryland, County Carlow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for enclosing the map of the village with the proposed projects to be completed over the next three years. This is very worthwhile, is an excellent guide for your committee and is something which can be built on over the coming years. The notes which accompanied the map were also very useful to the adjudicator. It is good to see that you are working with the Local Authority and other agencies who all have valuable advice and assistance to give you with your proposed plans. You have also increased the number in your committee which is most welcome and will help to spread the workload so that it is not left to just a few people. Also continue to enter in the Carlow Floral Pride competition which can only enhance the appearance of the village. It is also laudable that you have included the wishes of the community in devising your three year plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The public buildings, church, school and shop continue to be maintained in good condition. The school as last year is very well presented and has wonderful displays of plants in the window boxes and in the planters. Well done to all concerned here. The church again is well maintained but will need to be painted. There is evidence of staining at the top near the cross. The shop had a lovely selection of flowers and hanging baskets. One has to refer to the plastic signage over the door but, hopefully, over the next three years it will be replaced. Your plans for the community hall are most welcome and when work is completed it will enhance the village. Again there were some very nice hanging baskets here. The work proposed for the ball alley will bring about a big improvement here. The heritage trail finder map erected is very informative and interesting for residents and visitors alike.

LANDSCAPING

The pump area is a lovely feature and the landscaping around is extremely good. The photograph enclosed with the spring flowers really look stunning. As last year the maintenance of the open green spaces, shrubs and trees throughout the village is very good. The open green space at the car park area was tidy but the community might focus on putting more work into this area. If and when planting more trees and shrubs do seek advice from a local horticulturist who will give you guidance on the appropriate selection and site of trees and shrubs.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is noted that you have had discussions with the committee of the local tennis club with the intention of creating a wildlife amenity area there. As a Tidy Towns committee you have an important role to play in protecting and increasing the appreciation of wildlife. Also the hedgerows throughout the village are vital habitats for many of your wild plants and animals. A useful leaflet which may be of help to you can be had from ENFO 17 St Andrews Street, Dublin 2.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control again this year was reasonably good but some pieces were evident in the car park and on the green behind the car park. I note that you have an ongoing litter patrol which helps to keep the village tidy. When the litterbins are available perhaps one or two can be sited in the car park and the green area. However litterbins do need constant monitoring so that they will not overflow which can result in litter being scattered over a wide area.

TIDINESS

The control of weed growth at the base of walls and kerbs was good throughout. However in the older section of St Martin's Avenue the kerbs are in need of repair and the weeds should be removed. Continue to encourage individual property owners to look after this aspect. The recycling facilities will help the community considerably in keeping their areas tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Your initiative to have a competition for the best kept houses and areas in the village is a very laudable one and will be of huge help in your efforts. The houses opposite the car park are maintained and presented to a very good standard. The granite wall in front is kept very well and is almost weed free. The houses in St Josephs Terrace for the most part are presented very well although some railings need painting. The landscaping in the new houses in St Martins Avenue is extremely good with the trees and shrub bed looking particularly nice. The older houses continue to be maintained very well but the kerbs need better maintenance. There was some debris, cuttings etc in the corner at the green door. Other householders in the village continue to maintain their properties in very good condition and present them to a high standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

It was noted in your development plan that the car park is to receive attention in the years ahead. This is necessary as at present it is untidy and has a lot of weeds on it. When the proposed work is carried out it will improve that area. The signs throughout do need attention. Poles are rusting and need to be cleaned and painted. All other signs need to be cleaned. The wall realignment where done does enhance the overall appearance of the village and well

done to all those concerned.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have indicated your commitment to the Tidy Towns movement by producing your three year plan and also by getting more community involvement to help you with the work. Do continue to get more involvement from all sectors of the community. You are making great efforts to progress in this competition and also to making your village a lovely place to live and to work in.