

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COORACLARE**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	31
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	195

Cooraclare, Co. Clare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your filled in Entry Form and Map and wish you every success in your endeavours. We would suggest that at this stage you should produce a three-year development plan. This plan should then be adhered to, though be subject to review as required. You have a very pleasing village, which it should be very rewarding to work on.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your buildings, both public and residential are all well presented. Unfortunately the Church loses much of its appeal due to the car parking being part of the road. The Church entrance area should be made more inviting. The Grotto is well done and fits in. The Creamery shed at junction with Ennis road, also the Golden Vale site and the National School are all satisfactory.

LANDSCAPING

A planting programme should be undertaken. As many trees as possible should be planted and these should be indigenous plants. Too much reliance should not be placed on annual plants. Flowering shrubs should be used instead resulting in a more permanent effect. There is a beautiful vista down the river and this should be further enhanced by concentrating on the upstream part of the river where the picnic site is. Any repair work to walls should be carefully considered and expert advice and guidance from DoELG or Duchas, if necessary, should be obtained on how to mend them and particularly on the correct form of capping which should be used. The picnic site beside the river is very pleasant. A litter bin should be provided here.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Keep existing wild planting wherever possible. By the planting of trees, particularly indigenous, wild life will be attracted. Many shrubs attract birds and insects for the food and insects that they provide.

LITTER CONTROL

Though the village is virtually litter free, litter bins should be placed in all areas where needed.

TIDINESS

The village is fairly tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

At the bridge, housing and associated landscape is very pleasant. The fencing enclosing the gardens of these houses could be improved. They were being painted at the time of

adjudication. As mentioned previously, great care should be taken when repairing any walls and particularly on the correct way in which they should be capped.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main street could do with improvement to its surface. The road to the National School is being renewed and this should improve this very pleasant residential area.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a very pleasant small village which will undoubtedly benefit from work already done. We wish you every success with your endeavours.