

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LABASHEEDA**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	30	26
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>189</b>

## **Labasheeda Co. Clare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Committee is thanked very much for their very fine presentation. Of particular interest was the photographic survey of dereliction around the harbour area and the wonderful improvements now in this same area. What is needed now is the creation of a Three-Year Progress Plan, in conjunction with your Development Plan, which allows the Committee to continually monitor and plan, in a systematic way, the continual development, and – very important – to allow the rest of the community to appreciate the direction of work by the Committee.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The entrance into the village is most pleasant and well kept. The I.C.A. pocket park, with its vertical stone slabs, is a delight. The big improvement to the village is the newly created Quay Project. Congratulations on a project practically completed. The picnic site and adjoining car park is most attractive. A cautionary note here, great care should be taken with the construction of stone walls, the wall construction and pointing throughout the village is very good, but the capping of these walls is not in the tradition of the wonderful walls in Clare. There should be a heavy stone capping close together, not the slurry of cement with widely spaced small stones. Advice might be sought from Duchas or DoELG. There are some derelict houses and some with metal or asbestos covered roofs. The future Sewage Treatment Plant (a reed bed system is an exciting solution and in keeping with present day outlook) should add immeasurably to future development of the village and any disruption is temporary.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Window boxes and planters greatly improve the overall appearance of the village, but a programme of indigenous tree planting should now be undertaken as a more permanent form of plant and should be included in next year's submission.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is a wonderful opportunity to develop a wild life project in the Quay area, by using outdoor boards illustrating life in the river Shannon mud flats and rivers edge. The local school should be a prime motivator in this project.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was practically no litter seen in the town on the day of adjudication. Congratulations.

## **TIDINESS**

Most of the village has a neat and tidy appearance. This may be disrupted during the construction of the sewage scheme, but would only be a temporary happening.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

It is hoped that either improvement or elimination will gradually eliminate the number of derelict houses. The Committee should contact the Council about their Village Paint Scheme and possibly get further advice from one of the major paint manufacturers, who have successfully advised Ennis and Kilrush on their paintwork projects.

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

A high proportion of the single homes contributes greatly to the general appearance of the village, by their very fine front gardens. The road leading up to the Mountshannon Housing Estate, with its stone walls, is very pleasing.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A most pleasant and tidy village, which will undoubtedly improve as various related projects, are completed.