

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CILL NA MARTRA**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	26
The Built Environment	40	27	24
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	16
Litter Control	40	20	31
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	24	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	23
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	167	175

Cill Na Martra, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is essential at this stage in the competition that you formulate three to five year work programme. This will help you to put together your ideas in relation to the future development of the village. It will also aid the adjudicators in their assessment of your progress. Many thanks for your completed entry form and map both of which were useful on the day.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both public and commercial premises generally looked well cared for on adjudication day. An Chróis was extremely fresh as was O'Murchús. The Catholic Church and grounds were extremely well maintained with a freshly painted boundary wall – presumably for the Corpus Christi procession the day before. The Post Office was charming and the Community Centre was quite fresh. The school and grounds were fine. However you could consider painting the boundary wall which looked quite grey.

LANDSCAPING

The planting by the car park adjacent to the church was admired – there is scope for further development in this area. The attractive planting in front of the Toy Soldier Factory looked well – but perhaps the concrete wall could be faced with stone at the entrance. The stone wall to the GAA grounds was admired – perhaps this could be extended to its entrance area. Stone walling in the village centre was admired. There is scope for further development in this aspect of the competition in terms of permanent shrubbery and tree planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a category of the competition at which Cill na Martra should excel. You should consider organizing the local school children to make a study of the areas of wildlife importance in and around the village. This could be incorporated with a Slí na Sláinte walk.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control was extremely bad on adjudication day. Litter was apparent on the main approach road from Macroom, a great deal in the village center and quite an amount on the road to the school.

TIDINESS

This is an aspect of the competition which could also be improved upon. A large shed at the junction of the road to the community centre was badly in need of painting. The old creamery which you mention in your submission as being a

problem area looks most unfortunate. The weedy forecourt area to a shed which also needed whitewashing looked unfortunate. Weed control was a problem at the far end of the graveyard wall and by the Post Office. Out buildings on the road beyond the community centre were also in need of a fresh coat of paint.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses within the village centre and along approach roads were generally well maintained – in particular a garden filled with daises was greatly admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better. The speed limit sign on the Macroom Road was quite faded – the one to the opposite side of the road was missing! The road beyond the graveyard was rather overgrown and the speed limit sign was faded and should be repainted before next year's competition. Monbretia and foxgloves however were admired. The standard of maintenance on the school road was much better. The road beyond the community hall had recently cut banks but the speed limit sign was quite battered in appearance. You should consider village nameplates to announce the traveller's arrival in Cill na Martra.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village centre area of Cill na Martra was well maintained – out buildings and problem dereliction created a bad impression and will need to be improved upon. Do formulate a three to five year work programme in order to organise a structured approach to your work in the village.