

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CONNA**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>212</b>

## **Conna, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

This village is located in an attractive rural setting and its development should reflect that. There are some very attractive features in and around the village and it is important that these characteristics be preserved into the future. By participating in the Tidy Towns Competition and by working to a development programme for the future of the village, the Conna Community Council is playing an important role in shaping the future of the community.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard of buildings in the village is good. The church is a fine building and is well maintained. The Credit Union premises is nicely presented. Also the business premises of Merricks/P.O. was well maintained. The Community Centre premises is excellently maintained. Conna Castle is a dominant building in the community and it serves no doubt as an historic landmark.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The planting in the vicinity of the car park near the church looks well. Also the landscaping, which has been carried out at this junction near the bridge enhances this area. Flower tubs and colourful window boxes are used effectively in the village. The landscaping, which has been carried out near the premises of Glanbia Ltd. is well maintained. Also the landscaping work carried out across from the Community Centre premises is effective.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Having such a rural location in close proximity to a river, there is potential here to develop worthwhile wildlife projects. It may be advisable for the Community Council to seek specialist advice (perhaps from Duchas) as to how best to deal with this aspect of the community's future. The basic essentials are there to advance a wildlife project or projects. Such a development would be beneficial from the viewpoint of the local community and would also be an attraction for visitors to the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The community would need to try to improve the litter situation, as there was some evidence of it again this year. There was a considerable amount of litter on the road to the Castle Brook housing project. However, within the village, i.e. the bridge area and in the vicinity of the Community Centre, there was very little litter to be seen. Every community has to deal with the litter problem and it can only be dealt with by a constant determined effort involving the whole community, schools etc.

## **TIDINESS**

There was a good level of tidiness within the village generally. The area at the entrance to Conna Castle was quiet tidy. Also in areas such as the church, Post Office and Community Centre, these areas were also quite tidy. The bridge area, which is another focal point within the village, was also well maintained.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The new housing development projects at Castle Brook is noted. Existing residential areas in and around the village are well maintained. Houses and gardens at Castleview were nicely presented. The houses and green area across from the castle were also neatly maintained. This is an important area of the Competition as it affords all residents to play their part.

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

The Community Council and the community are to be congratulated on the imaginative "Conna Welcomes You – Failte go Conaithe" signs, which are colourful and tastefully designed. The speed limit signs and poles on the Castlelyons approach road need to be cleaned and repainted. The car park near the church was clean and tidy. The Ballyduff approach road was reasonably tidy. The entrance to Conna Castle was tidy but the seat near the entrance was in need of repainting. On the Tallow approach road the walls and grass verges were well presented and the Midleton approach road was also well maintained.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The Community Council deserves the support of the whole community in the efforts which are being made to improve this very pleasantly located village. The Council is proceeding on the right lines and with further well co-ordinated efforts, significant progress can be made. To date, a good foundation has been laid and this can be built upon.