

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MEELIN**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	32
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	26	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	25
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	188	180

Meelin, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Meelin should now produce a rolling 3-5 year plan. This should be a simple 3-5-page document clearly setting out your objectives. This section of the competition carries a substantial amount of marks. Keep up your liaison with the Local Authority, FÁS, and the Local School.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Commercial premises look very well in the Village and show a great use of timber and painted signs. The Public House should consider removing the plastic drink sign as this looks out of context with the rest of the building. The Church and the School look well. Also the derelict buildings in the Village do bring down the overall standard. Owners should be encouraged to cover/dress windows in derelict houses, as this would reduce their negative impact. The Community should also talk the Local Authority in relation to the Derelict Sites Act 1990, which is quite a powerful instrument in this regard.

LANDSCAPING

There are very nice pockets of landscaping. The efforts on the Newmarket and Broadford approaches are excellent. The area near the Kiln and the red and white house are very good. The blend of planting, timber fencing and stone is very pleasing to the eye.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is still a relatively new aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition. It is one that Meelin should not be afraid to tackle as the Village is in an area of great natural beauty. There is a very useful guide to this category – Action Sheet 6 ‘Wildlife and Natural Amenities’ in the Tidy Towns Handbook. This could be a project a senior class in the National School could investigate under supervision. The sunken area at the junction of the Newmarket and Rockchapel road could be an area to be considered under this category.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is a strong aspect of Meelin. The Committee should also outline in your submissions any measures that are being undertaken to promote anti-litter awareness in the Community.

TIDINESS

There appears to be an absence of weed growth at kerbs and at the base of buildings and walls. However, as stated in last years report there are two black spots on the Rockchapel approach, one with old vehicles, which are no

longer in use beyond the Church and the front area of the garage opposite the school.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All residents in the area are displaying a great degree of pride. It is also encouraging to see new houses being built on the Newmarket approach. All walls, hedges and gardens appeared well tended. Good use was also made of floral decorations on buildings.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Newmarket, Rockchapel and Broadford approach roads displayed a high degree of care and attention. The Newmarket and Broadford approach are to be particularly admired. Hedgerows, margins, traffic signs and Village signs are all in good condition. The history of Meelin and its inhabitants are well documented and commemorated at various locations around the Village. There is a good use of stone and parking areas are clean and freshly marked. The street signs are also clear and bilingual. The GAA grounds also look well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The approach roads make a very strong impression on the visitor, these combined with the numerous and varied commemorative aspects of the Village convey a strong sense of history.