

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAUSEWAY**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	36
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	31	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	219	214

Causeway, Co. Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting such a detailed and informative report. It is good that you have upgraded your improvements plan for the village. Much of the work of previous years is now enhancing the appearance of the village, especially the tree planting. You have quite a large area to cover and the daily influx of 600 students no doubt adds an additional challenge to your plans for environmental improvement.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The North South, East West layout of the village is interesting and each approach road seems to have its own characteristic. You have many fine buildings and some with attractive traditional type features. The church grounds are very well presented and the new statue is very dignified and well positioned. The National School is well presented but the chain link fencing belongs to another age. The unoccupied garage opposite the school is in need of a major development, though the landscaping here is acknowledged. The treatment of the old forge is good and colourful. The barn opposite the Post Office is very unsightly and painting should be encouraged. Leahy's Bar would benefit from painting also.

LANDSCAPING

You have worked hard in this section and there was a great deal of colour throughout the village. Many premises were freshly painted and a work scheme was in full swing. The display of farm machinery is attractive and gives a link to the past for visitors. The many flower and shrubbery beds are attractive and well maintained. The sculpture on the south approach is good. The entrance to the Community College is not great and there is a lot of rough surface and rubble in evidence at the handball alley. The new tree planting near the E.S.B. will benefit further in time. The work at the Ring Fort is interesting – don't make it too ornate. The display map is informative. The college name plaque at this entrance needs attention.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done on the Wildlife Display signs at Picnic area. You have a good opportunity to promote wildlife by planting appropriate shrubbery and trees.

LITTER CONTROL

Though litter control was good in and around the village you had a litter black spot outside Green Acres with litter bin overflowing and needing painting. Your Fás scheme should include painting of litter bins. Some litter was observed also

at the approach to the college beyond the handball alley.

TIDINESS

New footpaths under construction will further enhance matters when finished. The village core is quite tidy, but you have problems with unpainted farm gates and rusty roofs in need of attention. Some gable ends need painting also. You need to revisit the Ann O'Leary plan and tackle the various suggestions on a phased basis.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Again, you have scored well in this section. Houses are well presented and new houses offer potential for further enhancement and new recruits for your committee. Marian Terrace though mentioned consistently is worthy of repeat praise.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The village approach needs more defining and improved road surface. The "round about" at the entrance should be tackled as a project by students and presented to a high standard. Approach roads are good and where overgrown offer an attractive display of wildflowers.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have done well again this year and added a little to your markings. Your challenge now is to get greater co-operation from some of the problem areas. Your plan is vital in making progress, but is only as good as the backing it gets from the community.