

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FINUGE**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	32
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	30	24
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	213	197

Finuge, Co. Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting such a comprehensive and helpful detail on your plans and activities. The map and photographs proved helpful on adjudication day. You can be well pleased with the FÁS work of recent years and your challenge now is to maintain existing developments to a high standard and tackle your weak points. It is imperative that you work to an agreed plan to phase your developments according to your energy and capacity to fund new developments.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village layout is to your favour and many of your activities are confined to specific areas. You do have a traffic speed problem which is beyond your control, but not conducive to developing and maintaining a rural village where the expectation would be of tranquility and harmony. Most buildings looked bright and were well presented on adjudication day. The standard of maintenance throughout is good and there is much evidence of fresh painting. The rusty barn opposite the Nature Preserve is an eyesore and needs attention. Teach Siamsa is excellent and adds an important air of tradition to the village.

LANDSCAPING

This is one of your strong points and the great display of flowers, shrubs and good tree planting will further enhance with the passing of time. Approach roads are good and well landscaped. However, the approach over the bridge needs attention. For a start remove the old tar barrels and consider a painting blitz on the bridge itself. The brick house on the village side of the bridge is splendid and offers a great introduction to the village. Grass margins and tree planting, coupled with well-built stone walls combine to offer excellent approaches on the two main approaches. The millennium garden is excellent and has a great variety of colour.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your work at the small nature reserve is praiseworthy. Wildlife can have a tourism benefit, especially as you promote walking in the area. Perhaps some more illustration of the local prevalent wildlife would assist further.

LITTER CONTROL

It would be hard to find a more litter free village and your success here is not without sustained effort. You can be well pleased with your litter control performance and the village was really clean on adjudication day. Litter bins were also well placed and respected.

TIDINESS

Any problems you have here relate to untidy farm yards needing improved presentation. Even farm gates freshly painted can improve the appearance of the area. The many well kept laurel hedges, well maintained and presented gives a tidy appearance to the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The individual effort here is very good and many houses have well developed and excellently maintained gardens. This includes houses on the outskirts of the village. Within the village core, houses are presented to a high standard. You have a couple of weak links and the probability is that owners will come round in due course.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road structure and surface is excellent. You might consider an illustrated village Fáilte sign at the two main approaches to the village. These would focus more attention on the presence of the village and project a caring image of the community and what you are trying to achieve. The area at the cemetery is attractive, with some fine mature pine trees and new tree planting also. The grassed area here is good too.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village was really attractive on adjudication day and projects an image of pride in your own place. As your marks progress, the expectation for more attention to detail will increase. You have made great strides in such a short time – well done.