

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNOCKANURE**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>181</b>

## **Knockanure, Co. Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for submitting your entry form complete with details of your plan for the next three to five years. Your plans are good and achievable and will improve the appearance of the village when complete. The village site map was helpful on adjudication day. Your challenge now is to achieve your aims. Some of your projects are within the scope of your committee, others will need assistance from outside agencies.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The village is quite compact with just three approach roads. Ideally, this should enable you to make significant progress in the competition within a short time. However, you are not without your problems and your black spots. Your largest building, the church, is really drab and needs good colourful landscaping to make it look more appealing. The adjacent car park needs to be landscaped and softened from its current bleak state. The boundary wall in slow progress seems too modern – would you not be better using more indigenous materials for this development? The school is well presented and the attractive well presented grotto combines to give this approach an attractive introduction to the village. Flynn's is the best presented building in the village and offers great colour. There was a good floral display at the Post Office. The garage and environs are way below expected standard.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is good evidence of community and individual effort here that creates a village with much colour. The Church approach would benefit from tree planting on both sides of the road. You should consider a tree planting blitz – planting the same species on both sides. You might also consider a Fáilte sign at the two main entrances. These would give a more defining identity to the village. The burial ground is excellent.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have scope for the development of a wildlife area between the GAA ground and the church. You could start with a small defined area and erect a display board, illustrating the local prevalent species of wildlife.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is no apparent litter problem in the village which was almost litter free on adjudication day.

### **TIDINESS**

Untidy areas are caused by poorly presented buildings and

uncared for open spaces. However, the problem here is more specific than general.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The standard of houses is good throughout and the hedge cutting at the house leading up to the old school is novel and attractive. The new house opposite the church needs landscaping and completion of boundary walls.

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

The road structure is good and approach roads are well maintained. The old school could yet become a great project. In advance of any development you need to carry out a survey of its dimensions and photography. Restoration should include recycled slates and retention of existing boundary walls.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Knockanure is a small compact village. You have potential for much improvement, but you need the full backing of the community and help from the various agencies. You should adhere to your plan for improvement. Good luck for 2002.