

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKNAGOSHEL**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	33
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	204	197

Knocknagoshel, Co. Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for an excellent submission and detailed map together with a large selection of photographs. There is healthy evidence of good community effort and many individuals excel in their contribution to Tidy Towns. Your ability to plan in advance of work is praiseworthy and eventually you will solve the many long running black spots that are keeping your marks down. Your challenge now is to maintain existing developments to a high standard before embarking on new and extra developments.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have some fine public and private buildings throughout the village, many with rich traditional features. The majority of buildings have been freshly painted in recent years and some people were observed painting on adjudication day. The Village Inn is excellent and a good example of how side entrances should be presented. The church and school looked well together with the Community Centre. You have marked the Millennium well in the schoolyard and current pupils will find a great sense of pride when they return to the school in future years. Eddie Walsh's has potential for an attractive appropriate (using traditional materials) development. It is on an important site in the Main Street.

LANDSCAPING

You have scored well in this section and your energy to follow the Village Park with a Millennium Bible Garden is most praiseworthy. However, the Bible Garden has not yet reached the standard of the Village Garden. The Bible Garden needs sign posting from the Church yard as it is so unexpected and unobtrusive at this site. Well done on such a variety of tree planting. The use of quarry slates for nametags is novel. Much of previous years landscaping continues to enhance and the approach from the Lime Kiln is excellent. The treatment of the Lime Kiln is well done and congratulations on the erection of a most informative plaque – agus gaeilge bhreá comh maith. You might consider a small landscaping project at the Abbeyfeale junction. You should then erect a colourful composite sign that would link more closely the village with the road – it would also help tourist numbers.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done on the wildlife garden which will help to promote and popularise wildlife. You might consider a display sign illustrating the local species – it would generate interest.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control throughout the village was excellent which is

most commendable. Litter bins seem adequate in numbers, although one was upended up the street from the village park.

TIDINESS

Your problems here are well acknowledged by your submission. Dereliction, unoccupied and badly presented houses and poorly presented open spaces combine to cause untidiness. In time you will overcome these. A start has been made by development underway at the small roadway beside Eddie Walsh's.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard throughout is high and many householders have well presented gardens. You have raised your marks in this section.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The adjudicator walked every part of the village and approach roads and the standard is quite high. Pay attention to boundary walls. The car park was disappointing and could be improved. Well done on the recycling unit.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There was a great air of caring and pride in ones own place throughout. In particular, the many murals, landscaping, and good approaches help to offer a Tidy village to the visitor – well done and good luck for 2002.