

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLANE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	213	207

Clane, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Clane is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. We have not received a development plan from you; it is difficult to progress in the competition without a planned approach, try to have one for next year. The view into the town of the church and village green with sculpture from the Prosperous road is one of Clane's strong assets and should be protected. The town is very busy with a lot of through traffic and shopping related traffic.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Public buildings were presented to a high standard and the Church of Saint Patrick and Saint Brigid together with the adjacent school premises were admired. Shopfronts are also nicely presented and the small shopping area 'The Village Centre' is an appealing development. The presentation of the Corner House Pub is particularly good. The new Leisure Centre development out the Celbridge road will add a new dimension to the life of the village in addition to increasing Clane's stock of well presented buildings.

LANDSCAPING

The village green on the main street facing down the Prosperous road is beautifully presented and its sculpture feature captures the eye. The small riverside park at the road junction is being nicely maintained also. Trees at car parking bays on the main street are maturing well and 'softening' the streetscape in the process. Landscaping at the entrance to Scoil Mhuire continues to excel.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stand of mature trees marking the entrance to Coneff Park G.A.A. grounds are an important wildlife habitat and of course are visually pleasing as well. There are many other wildlife habitats in Clane and its environs which should be identified together with any possible sources of threat. What activities do you carry out to promote a public awareness of wildlife?

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good during adjudication. A minor outbreak was noted on the green areas to Oatfield Park. The three hours per morning spent litter picking is showing great results. Well done on maintaining an excellent standard.

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. The

Abbey Mall on the corner of the main street look untidy but as this is up for auction, it will no doubt be redeveloped soon. Weed control is good and the small stream very clean.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Parkview Estate looks well and the Silver Birch trees here are a nice feature - It is not necessary to plant the base of these with bedding plants, they are beautiful as they are. The presentation under this heading is good overall. Remind householders of the need to present boundary walls to the same high standard as the dwelling and the garden.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The southern entrance to Clane which is weedy and overgrown stands in sharp contrast to the well managed hedgerow, verges and trees of Blackhall Stud on the approach road. Car parks in the village are neatly maintained together with footpaths and street furniture. The overhead wirescape which runs parallel to buildings is not too visually obtrusive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Approach roads could be improved, otherwise a good presentation. Well done.