

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NARRAGHMORE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	36	36
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	227	224

Narraghmore, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application and welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Your document outlining your work for 2001 and 2002 was appreciated. We understand your reticence in compiling a three to five year plan when housing developments have not yet been complete and we look forward to the time when you can plan this far in advance. Narraghmore was a pleasure to adjudicate, congratulations to all involved in the Tidy Towns effort!

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings in the village centre are nicely presented. Most of these are neutral in colour and one wonders if a co-ordinated colour scheme wouldn't have a stronger, more attractive visual impact. If this option is chosen, then the choice of colours should be muted pastels that complement the colours of the surrounding countryside.

LANDSCAPING

There are many beautiful landscaped areas on approach roads and in the village centre. Shrubberies, trees and hedgerow earn the most marks under this heading rather than bedding plants as these have year round interest and colour.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A suitable project might be to check the species diversity in hedgerow habitats and to identify threats and necessary protective steps. The goal under this heading is to heighten public awareness of the value of wildlife in our towns and villages wherever it occurs. A species count of birds might also be considered.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is excellent. Do send in details of how you achieve this standard, as this information is a potential earner of additional marks.

TIDINESS

The village has an overall air of tidiness and no doubt when building work has ceased, all building materials will be removed. Be vigilant regarding the presentation of side and back areas also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residential properties are presented to a very high standard, both individual houses on approach roads and the terrace of houses on the northern entrance to the village as well as two storey houses in the village centre. It is

anticipated that the new housing developments on the southern and eastern end of the village will complement the existing standard achieved under this heading and add a new dimension to the social life of Narraghmore.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads to the village are presented to an impeccable standard, well done. Namestones look very well and trees are maturing nicely. Hedgerow is being well maintained. All of this gives the travelling public an expectation of a beautiful village which is realised on arrival in Narraghmore. New stretches of footpath have been noted as well as new lamp-standards, congratulations.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Narraghmore was a pleasure to visit this year and we look forward to many repeat visits to document your progress.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/01)

The simple formula of well kept grass verges, hedges and tree planting on the approach roads is really paying off in Narraghmore and this provides very attractive entrances. The renewal work on pavements at the village centre is attractive. Some attention is needed to the kerbing, which has been damaged in a few places, probably because there is no support behind the kerbs in places. The underground cabling has helped greatly. The positioning of the lantern like lamp standards on the grass verges seems less appropriate than on pavements in the village centre. As was mentioned last year the need to protect the lovely chestnut tree at the junction of the road is vital. The colourful stone surrounded borders were looking at their peak at second adjudication. The state of the telephone kiosk is inconsistent with the rest of the village.