

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TIMOLIN**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	26	28
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	22
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>179</b>

## **Timolin, Co. Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Timolin is very welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed entry form and details of your objectives. We will be interested in receiving details of the architects report referred to in your submission.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The building with the Pewter Mill sign to the side of The Sportsmans Inn should be kept freshly whitewashed. The Sportsmans Inn itself looks well and the carpark is nicely landscaped around its perimeter. The Patrick O'Brien property has some attractive features, however the roadside façade needs to be touched up. Its carpark could be resurfaced also. A vacant shop near the small housing development looks bad and hopefully it will be presented to the highest standard on redevelopment. The old post and large redundant sign for Byrne Car Sales should be removed altogether. The school could also be upgraded and its garden looks a little overgrown although planting here has been noted. Cognisance has been taken of your plan for the old wall.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The large green site at the northern end of the village approaching the bypass road (new N9) has been planted with several hundred trees, well done, these will make a significant contribution to the environment as they mature. Don't place too much reliance on flower boxes to earn extra marks as permanent planting is best.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

A small site beside the church and graveyard across from the mill and on the banks of the river would be an excellent spot for a wildlife garden or other amenity feature. Displays of wildflowers on verges on the eastern approach are appealing, however the outer edge of the grass margin should be kept neatly trimmed to leave wildflowers to the inside. The wild ducks and water hens referred to in your application could not be adjudicated upon because their location was not indicated on your sketch map.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was noted along the roadside edge just across from the new residential development. Some litter was strewn on the hard shoulder along the village centre also. Do submit details of your litter control activities with next year's application. They could earn extra marks.

### **TIDINESS**

Sprayed weeds should be eliminated. A bare patch of earth near the junction of the eastern approach with the main road of the village looks untidy and could be much improved. The proposed removal of the bank of clay should improve the appearance of this end of the village.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

No doubt the green sites on the main road will be developed for housing at some stage in the future. Try to have an input into their design features and character, so that these, when completed, will complement the village. The garden of the house at the most northern end of the village on the bend in the road is magnificent. A good overall presentation under this heading.

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

Grass verges leading to The Sportsmans Inn are being nicely maintained. The bridge walls down by the mill could be cleaned. A number of road signs need upgrading. The two public seats in the green area at the entrance to the residential development need a good cleaning together with the old petrol pumps. Potholes along the roadside edge inside the hard shoulder should be eliminated. The new footpath should extend right up to the village and indeed continue on to Moone to link to Shakleton Village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Timolin looked very well during adjudication. It is a pleasure to note the positive aspects of its development. Future visits are looked forward to.