

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAMROSS**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-06-2001

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2001 | Mark Awarded 2000 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 30 | -- |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 29 | -- |
| Landscaping | 40 | 25 | -- |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 17 | -- |
| Litter Control | 40 | 25 | -- |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | -- |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 20 | -- |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 26 | -- |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | -- |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 191 | -- |

Camross, Co. Laois

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Camross is very welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. We do not appear to have received details of your planned work programme covering the next three to five years and the stage you are at now in the work. This is unfortunate as it is difficult to progress very much without this information being received by the adjudicators. The overall appearance of Camross is favourable with its natural stone walls, well maintained grass margins and stands of mature, semi-mature and new trees. Your plans to hold an annual school of music when work on the hall has been completed sound exciting.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and its grounds look well as do the number of stone buildings. The Post Office is neatly presented also. The Hall is in need of some upgrading. The Camross Inn looks well as does the new school across the road, although the latter building might need some touching up within a short time period. You indicate in your submission that there are plans for the Hall but you don't indicate what these are. The Heritage Cottage development will change the way of life in the village when it comes to maturity. It is an exciting development. The new Hall will also make a significant contribution.

LANDSCAPING

The memorial to the GLC Camross is fitting and looks very well. However do try to keep its surrounds weed free. The emphasis under this heading should be on trees (native species) and shrubs for seasonal interest.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stream presents an opportunity for both further amenity development and a wildlife project, it is presently very overgrown. The 'Ash Grove' initiative sounds interesting - keep us informed regarding its progress and maturity. Do you have an 'awareness programme' in mind for the future?

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good. Send in details of your litter control activities as they could earn additional marks for Camross.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of Camross is one of tidiness. Well done! Keep an eye on weed control and always remove sprayed weeds.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

So far the village has escaped pressures from the development of residential estates, however you indicate that a water scheme is planned for the village. This may change that situation and the village may increase in size. You indicate in your application form that the number of houses are too small. An influx of new families would, of course, bring development to the village and impact on the physical and social / cultural aspects of Camross. There will be gains as well as losses. Try to minimise the latter.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The old-style telephone kiosk in the outskirts of the village should be retained and refurbished. Maintain the nameplates clean and do try to keep them highly visible, one of them was partially obscured with the growth. The old pump with the stone surrounds needs to be refurbished further. Most items of street furniture looked well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Camross is a very pleasant village with a rural and traditional ambience. Try to retain the best of what you have in the course of future development. Thank you for your participation.