

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SHANAHOE**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	216	212

Shanahoe, Co. Laois

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Shanahoe is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. The community obviously has a strong commitment to the environment. The village is situated in a rural setting and presents a very pleasant experience for the traveller. Your long stretch of high stone wall is your most notable feature.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both the church and school look well. The latter building appears to have been recently painted. Perhaps its roadside boundary wall could be painted to match. The roadside walls of farm outbuildings need to be cleaned or whitewashed. Malones premises looked well also.

LANDSCAPING

The water pump with the container plants and stone surrounds located near the school looks well. Well done on the planting of the Californian Redwood tree to commemorate the memory of John Keegan 1809-1849, local school master, poet and writer and author of Caoch O'Leary. The burial grounds are nicely landscaped and will enhance this area as the mature trees behind the boundary wall of the adjacent school enhance their grounds. A stone enclosed landscaped area at one end of the village is maturing well and making a strong statement. Do try to avoid planting Cordyline as these are non-native and of little benefit to wildlife. You rightly focus your attention on trees and shrubs.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Is there a general awareness of the species of wildlife to be found in the area? Are there any threats to these species and, if so, can protective measures be taken by the community. You give no indication of activities under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is very good. Very few litter bins were noted. Do give us details of your litter management plan or activities as marks can be awarded for these, in addition to the presence of absence of litter.

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. Do be vigilant regarding building materials when construction work has ceased and keep an eye on the curtilage area of buildings.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A good overall presentation, however a number of walls need to be re-whitewashed or painted or cleaned. Some roadside areas to boundary walls are in need of attention also.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The high stone wall which runs through the centre of the village is neatly presented being largely weed free and in a good state of repair. Approach roads to the village are neatly presented, grass is kept neatly trimmed, hedgerows are tidy and trees and shrubs are shown off to their best advantage being free of long grass. Nameplates look well also. Displays of roses and lines of semi-mature trees at the opposite end of the village were admired also.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Shanahoe is of a well cared for village and a community who take pride in their environment.