

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GARRYKENNEDY**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	40
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	24
Litter Control	40	35	34
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	249	243

Garrykenny, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The comprehensive separate entry form provided scope for the Committee to give very clear details of the work undertaken during the year. We noted that you worked with the County Council, FAS, Shannon Development and the local Gun Club and also the Fishing/Sailing Club in your endeavours to further enhance Garrykenny. This is an area that is visited by many people from many counties and it is therefore vital that the harbour and surrounds look their best and your ongoing work in this regard is to be commended.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The two public houses were well presented and the new boundary wall at Larkins was noted. Also noted was the new plaque erected on the Castle to give details of its historic significance and also the restoration of the disused well. However, as previously mentioned, the long block wall at the car park facing the lake needs attention, as it is very bare and bland. This should be cladded with stone or softened with creepers.

LANDSCAPING

The many landscaped areas in the village were looking well and the restrained use of plant containers at the harbour adds to the ambience here. The setting of daffodil and crocuses for the Spring should provide a lovely splash of colour at that time.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Committee has undertaken much work in this regard and the new information board at the entrance to the forest was noted. Also that a mile stretch along the harbour has been designated as a wildlife sanctuary and this area is no doubt being enjoyed by the 30 ducks which you have purchased and who were hatching at time of entry. The forest walks, with good information provided and pathways with wheelchair access also contribute in this section.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was litter free on the day of adjudication and it would seem that your litter campaign, as outlined in the documentation provided, is effective.

TIDINESS

The village was neat and tidy throughout and also weed free. The bollards etc. at the harbour were well painted and fresh looking.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All the private houses appear to be contributing to your effort – through their décor, gardens and in some cases outside their boundary walls. On the wood road, planting has enhanced a natural water feature outside one house.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

You state that the verges on the roads into Garrykennedy are trimmed each week and it shows. Also signage throughout the village is of a high standard and the two new bi-lingual stone signs at the village entrance were noted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Garrykennedy is a village that continues to progress even in adversity – the plastic wheelie bins put in place for use by the Cruisers because of the Foot and Mouth outbreak were noted. A new three year plan should now be drawn up in order to target the work which still needs to be undertaken and to give consideration as to how to overcome major problems such as the derelict buildings in the long term.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (12/08/01)

During the course of our second visit, Garrykennedy was being enjoyed by many visitors and the picnic facilities were in great demand. The wildflower 'Montebretia' set against natural stone walls were a visual treat and, of course, the woodland setting was delightful. The semi-mature trees of the village green were very much admired. Well done to Siobhán and Peggie Geraghty for the research and design of the wildlife panel. Most of the white seats throughout the village are in need of refurbishment together with some posts for the life saving equipment. The public toilets looked well.