

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	208	206

Inch - Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Inch is a village divided by a main thoroughfare and rather lacking in identity as mentioned in last year's report. This comes about because the public house "The Ragg" dominates and signage for this business premises welcomes you to the village. No doubt if the County Council were approached they would provide village signs on the approach roads so that this confusion is removed. Over the years Inch Tidy Villages Association have undertaken much work, providing a pleasant vista for the traveller between Thurles and Nenagh. The excellent map was useful on the day of adjudication but next year a simple 3/5 year plan should be included setting out your targets for the future, putting a time frame on same and identifying methods of achieving these goals. A plan such as this is now mandatory.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School, the Church and the Ragg public house were all well presented. The Inch Community Centre was also looking well but this building is rather stark and would benefit from planting to soften its appearance. Moloney's shop and P.O. and the Maxol Service Station were also well presented. Are there any plans in relation to the Lodge at the entrance to Inch House? - the actual sign for Inch House needs a little refurbishment. In a number of instances there were good stone walls and wooden fencing throughout.

LANDSCAPING

The considerable stretch of roadside landscaped areas on the main road, with raised flowerbeds and nicely tended greens, were admired. The tree planting undertaken over the years now mean that there are quite large lime and ash trees presenting a sylvan aspect on this route. The planting on the Church road is also maturing nicely. However, the large rockery areas at both the Ragg and in the grounds of the School were very burnt and sparse and would need to be replanted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We noted that a survey of wildlife in the area was undertaken. From this, no doubt some further projects will emerge for inclusion in your next plan.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter to be seen throughout the village and your collection service is obviously effective.

TIDINESS

Whilst mostly neat and tidy, there was work taking place in a back yard on the Church road and this area presented an untidy appearance – however, we presume that this is on a short term basis. On this road also there was quite a considerable amount of ivy on a number of telephone poles. There were some weeds at paths and wall bases throughout.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in and around Inch including at Clohessy Place were well presented. Set back areas in front of private houses must be maintained to a good standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A considerable amount of work undertaken in Inch is related to the roadside so this is an important category. Again we would recommend that village place name signs be erected and that traffic-calming measures be implemented at this crossroads. The speed signs on the Thurles approach needed refurbishment and also on the Templemore road. The signs wishing visitors a safe journey are a pleasant feature.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Inch Tidy Villages Association, whilst making their own village a better place in which to live, also contribute greatly to the enjoyment of the many motorists travelling the Thurles/Nenagh road. Keep up the good work.