

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LITTLETON VILLAGE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	192	189

Littleton, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry for simple sketch map of the village and a review of your work plan. There has been evidence of much progress since this adjudicator last visited the village and the surrounding. This is due in no small way to the effective role the committee has had in harnessing the efforts of all sectors of the community as well as developing links with the local authority and other agencies such as FAS. The workplan addresses basic issues related to the overall management of the village which has such a large volume of traffic passing on the N8.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard of presentation was very good, it is important Littleton looks its best as it is on such a main route. The residents are to be complemented on the manner in which they have maintained individual properties. The committee has addressed issues such as dereliction and there has been a vast improvement in this respect since some years especially on the Killenaule Road. The Moycarkey/Borris GAA grounds car parking area needs to be weeded and resurfaced, a simple improvement like this would have the desired effect. The Church of Ireland looked extremely well even allowing for the fact that the day was not particularly pleasant. The Old Creamery Cart and tankards coupled with the village pump depicts the life of Littleton in years gone by. There are many fine examples of well-presented private residences and business premises and it would be unfair to single out individuals. Suffice to say that there has been a marked improvement in this category within the last few years.

LANDSCAPING

The village has benefited from prudent and appropriate planting schemes, colourful mixtures of annuals and perennials sited in stone beds in the core of the village. These were complemented by shrub planting on the outskirts such as that adjacent to the Protestant Church. The saplings that were planted some years back on both the Cork and Dublin ends of the village are maturing but may need a little more attention. The hedging in front of the GAA grounds has not progressed, as it should, it is hoped that the immediate area will be improved in time. It is good to see that the Committee has earmarked the Derrynaflan part of the village for attention under this category, a little prudent landscaping would improve the look of the area in question.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village could benefit from a mini wildlife project something that would identify with Littleton and the surrounding area once the main source of basic fuel in Munster. It might

worthwhile if the Committee sought advice from the County Councils Environmental Officer. The local school could be approached to become involved and children who possess immense natural enthusiasm could be given a role in developing such a project.

LITTER CONTROL

Given that the village is on a main route from Dublin to Cork and has such a large volume of through traffic the standard in this category was excellent. Keep up the effort and continue to project the message of litter free Littleton.

TIDINESS

The village was very tidy when visited and credit is due to the local community for making such a big effort in this respect. The core area was devoid of unseemly flyposting and had very little weedgrowth. In the outlying parts of the village the kerbsides were in the main free of weedgrowth and farm related activity residue.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this section was also quite good with the older established places like McDonagh and St Brigids Terraces well maintained with a few exceptions. Also Church View area deserves mention for the collective effort put in by the residents, unfortunately the road surface here was in appalling condition. It is good to see that difficulties that St Kevin's Park was experiencing are being solved. Derrynaflan Drive has also improved in the last few years and premises are maintained better now than heretofore

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main approaches from Cork and Dublin are in the main well maintained, with grass areas cut back, sign posts visible and warnings of traffic calming well flagged. Parking on the street sides on such a busy road can be a little hair raising from the noise of traffic alone. The entrances from Killenaule and Thurles were also maintained to a high standard with the roads having been resurfaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village of Littleton has retained its character as a quintessential Irish village, despite the volumes of traffic. The Committee has worked tirelessly to improve its standing in the competition with no little success. Keep up the effort