

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **PORTROE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	29
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	16	14
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	215	210

Portroe, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The original three year plan which you submitted together with a list of additional items which you plan to undertake between 2001/2003 gave the adjudicator a very concise picture of your work to date and your plans for the future. The items as set out are all very practical and attainable and should enhance Portroe further when completed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School is well presented with good planting but the railings and gate needed repainting. The Church is impressive and your plans to plant trees inside the wall here should prove attractive. Shouldice and Sons is a very central premises in the village and, as mentioned in the last report, some work is needed on the shopfront. It was noted that where the disguised derelict house now stands that three houses are to be built here, hopefully in keeping with the rest of the village. The Public House across the road appeared to be removing a stand for petrol pumps and also some building work was being undertaken on the house next door. The Arra Inn was well presented. The Parish Hall was nicely painted but rather stark – the plan for planting of ivy here is welcomed. The GAA Clubhouse and surrounds are well kept. The Texaco Filling Station is well laid out and tidy but the rather battered large ice cream cone sign by the roadside should be replaced.

LANDSCAPING

Portroe is to be remembered for its planting of trees. There are a great many trees planted throughout the village and these are impressive as an introduction and provide a pleasant vista in the centre of the village. Other planted areas are also well kept and colourful and the many plant containers (perhaps a few too many) again provide colour and interest. The pump in the village painted in the Tipperary colours is attractive and the other pump out the Nenagh road should receive similar treatment.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The trees and many planted areas contribute in this category. We note that you also plan to build bird tables.

LITTER CONTROL

There was little evidence of litter on the day except for quite a sprinkling at the green area at the cross roads to Garrykenny.

TIDINESS

The village was mostly tidy and weed free. Some houses on the approach roads needed to clean outside their

boundary walls.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses in the village and on the approach roads are contributing to the tidy towns effort.

It should be remembered that surround walls and gates also need attention as well as the house itself.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The hedges and banks on the approach roads were well trimmed and signage is good throughout.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Portroe has progressed considerably in the last number of years and should continue to do well in the competition in view of the forward planning undertaken by the Committee.