

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2001 | Mark Awarded 2000 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 29 | 26 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 26 | 24 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 25 | 24 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 | 15 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 | 24 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 11 | 10 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 21 | 20 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 20 | 20 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 178 | 169 |

Rathcabbin, Tipperary North

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

We note that the Lorrha & Dorrha Community Council is now the body entering Rathcabbin in the Tidy Towns Competition. In view of the fact that you only commenced work on your entry in late April, the documentation received is impressive. This included a well completed entry form, three year development plan and map. Your plans for the future seem realistic and practical and we look forward to seeing further progress in the years ahead.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The repainted School looks very well and also the Church. There is building taking place in the centre of the village behind the two storey stone house and this area is rather untidy at the moment. Kellys was looking well and also the Homestead shop. Kennedy's Garage is neatly kept but the sign over the door could do with repainting. The Mid-Western Health Board building is very poorly presented – this is rather surprising as in other areas their premises are of acceptable standard. On this approach, there is also some type of Depot where the grounds are overgrown. The walls on the road up to the Hall are nicely painted. The Hall itself was looking well but the grounds were rather unkempt. The wall with seating built in on the left hand side of the road is attractive and a nice feature.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping around the Church is impressive and very well maintained. On the Birr approach the planting of Ash trees was noted. Where one or two of these have died they should be replaced. In another location the mature beech trees were admired and the additional planting of same at a nearby junction continued this theme. Window boxes were colourful throughout. We note that you have plans for further tree planting and no doubt you will be considering planting native species such as chestnut, sycamore or oak which will provide a legacy for future generations. In relation to planting flowers, it is recommended that permanent sites be used instead of tubs or containers. Also, any such planting should be planned with a view to year round colour.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As the village is set in very rural surroundings there is plenty of scope in this category and we note your plans for the future.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was mostly litter free with a small amount to be seen in the centre of the village.

TIDINESS

The village, except where mentioned above, was mostly neat and tidy and kerbs weedfree. However, there were weeds at some wall bases.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Ninety per cent of the houses in the Ballyoughter Estate were very well presented. A path from here to the village is definitely needed to integrate this development with the village and also for safety reasons. We note that a site is being sold with plans for ten new houses – no doubt you will be encouraging these residents to assist you in your efforts. Private houses in general in and around the village were well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road verges need to be finished properly throughout the village. We note that you will be treating hedges in a sensitive manner and this is to be welcomed. However, near the village these need to be well trimmed back.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is change taking place in Rathcabbin at present and the challenge to the Committee is to manage this change and to ensure that the village reaches its natural potential. We wish you well in your future endeavours.