

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CASTLEDALY**  
County : **WESTMEATH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>190</b>

## **Castledaly, Co. Westmeath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The overall developmental approach is very good. You have a great number of projects currently under way and there are plenty more in the pipeline. For such a small village, I admire your ambition and your determination and wish you well in seeing your projects through to completion.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Fitzgerald's pub is the focal point of the village and is presented to an extremely high standard. The wooden frame at the front, acts as an excellent trellis for the climbing plants, shrubs and flowers and the area surrounding the pub is exceptionally clean and tidy. Well done to all concerned. Kelly's further down, has a nice shop front and clean forecourt and the addition of some flower tubs around the pumps would further enhance the place. The GAA grounds look well but the weeds in the car park need to be dealt with. The school building on the Ballymahon road is in good condition but the grass needs to be cut and the shrubs weeded. The church across the road is a lovely stone building with well maintained lawns but again the shrubs need attention. The Old School looks extremely well. The restored stonework is beautiful and the new windows look lovely. I trust you will keep the old gate pillars in place and I wish you well with your plans to landscape the surrounding area. Well done on a wonderful job. The Castledaly Manor is being very well maintained. The grounds look beautiful with landscaped areas surrounding the house and mature trees overhanging the drive. The renovated courtyard looks splendid.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The benches opposite Kelly's need to be painted and the grass maintained a little better. The stone wall along the Ballymahon road is most attractive. The picnic area on the Ballymahon road looks well but remember to remove grass cuttings, especially from the stream. The young trees are maturing nicely and I suggest you paint the picnic bench to prolong its life. Do you have plans to use the soil in the GAA car park? It is becoming overgrown with weeds and should be transplanted or removed.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Wildlife Reserve is the main wildlife/natural amenity of the village. Well done on the erection of signs and on the attempts made to increase awareness of the local plant and animal population. The hotel pond is a wonderful feature and must be a haven for wildlife. It is great that the pond is being allowed to develop naturally. It fits beautifully into its surroundings, while remaining easily accessible. The Boor stream is also a great natural feature. You are very fortunate to have so many amenities at your disposal.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter is not a problem within the village or surrounding area. I

commend the whole community for taking responsibility for this aspect of their village, as litter control truly is a team effort. Well done!

## **TIDINESS**

At the Castledaly Manor, the beer crates and barrels are a little unsightly and should be removed from the side of the house, to a place hidden from public view. At the GAA grounds, the shrubs next to the clubhouse need attention.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Housing is of a very high standard throughout Castledaly. There are well maintained houses and gardens on both the Doon and Ballinahown roads. In particular, there is a beautiful house and garden next to the church on the Ballinahown road. There is also a lovely garden opposite the hotel pond.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

All approach roads are in good condition. There is a lovely tree-lined approach from Athlone combined with the stone wall of the Manor. A village nameplate should be placed on the Moate entrance. The flowers placed at the base of nameplates is most attractive and gives a good first impression.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Castledaly is being maintained to a very high standard and I look forward to future developments. I commend your fund raising activities and wish you well in acquiring your own maintenance equipment.