

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NURNEY**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	29
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	15	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	187

NURNEY, CO. CARLOW

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Thank you for your application form containing much information also the helpful map and the development group plan. Your committee has been very active and has achieved a great deal. The planning is very concise and well focused and with the level of commitment that there has been to date in Nurney there is no doubt that plans will be fully completed in time. Nurney is a lovely village with a beautiful setting. The developments in the village have been carefully achieved without competing with the natural surrounds.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church is a fine building and dominates the village skyline - for which reason it must be all the more beautiful when lit. The school is kept extremely well and the mural in the shelter is very colorful and attractive. Stonewalls play a very significant part of the village and many of these have been revealed well on roadsides. The crossroads divides the village clearly and gives an attractive village atmosphere. The buildings are well tended on all sides. The buildings in the main street are well cared for and give a nice enclosed village.

LANDSCAPING

Trees play a very important part in the overall landscape of the village. The mature lime trees by the church road are lovely, as are many of the mature trees on the approach roads. These trees were planted by previous generations who could never have hoped to see them to maturity. We have a similar obligation to continue that style of tree planting - besides planting the smaller more ornamental garden trees. The landscaping at the school is excellent, both inside and outside. The grassed area with weeping silver pears and cotoneasters looks very well. The borders at the entrance to the housing estate are attractive and well maintained - they give a lovely approach to the village and to that particular housing estate. The small shrub border by the entrance to the church is attractive as well as the grounds of the property itself. The many containerised plantings on the buildings throughout the village bring great life and sparkle to the village centre. Individual gardens play a significant part also in the overall appearance of the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The hedgerows and natural vegetation by roadside represent a harbouring place for wild life that is very valuable. Over cleaning of walls and verges is unhelpful as may happen with over enthusiasm to make the village more attractive. The planting of native trees and shrubs that will add to the opportunity of wild life survival is desirable.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a very good level of litter control in the village and surrounds. The recycle bins are well

placed and as such act as a reminder to people of the importance of keeping litter at bay and to avoid the original sources of litter.

TIDINESS

There is a very tidy appearance in the village. This is helped by the shape of the village with cross roads and a good approach to the roadside verges on all sides. The area by the church with the lime tress so beautifully kept gives a very tidy appearance. Tidiness is also well maintained in the housing estate.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residences are kept very well - both those in the estate and on the roadsides. The property with timber rails on leaving the village towards Tinryland is beautifully maintained and the mature trees and grass add to the village scene.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new footpath to the school is very welcome and provides a much needed approach for parents and children especially in inclement weather. Safety is also provided by such a path. The road surfaces are well kept. The approach roads to the village retain the natural grass verges and hedges, trees and wall boundaries. The care and attention is very noticeable without interfering with the natural look of the roadsides.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Nurney has progressed very well. The appearance of the village gives a very good impression and deserves a substantial increase in marks.