

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TINRYLAND**
County : **CARLOW**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	18	19
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	174	171

TINRYLAND, CO. CARLOW

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

The information supplied with the application form was helpful and informative. The cooperation with the student project is very good. The immediate impact of the many floral displays on entering the village is very striking. The number of 11 on the tidy towns committee is sizable for a small village and hopefully this will enable much work to be achieved. Setting targets each year is important as is also the assigning of responsibilities.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School building and is kept well the paving outside together with the 2001 memorial stone and mural all help the interest in the school. The church will need some painting soon as staining on the walls appears. The lovely gates are also in need of restoration and the rusting structure for supporting the roses. The ongoing work on the village hall and handball alley was noted. The shop has nice floral decorations. The materials stored outside present some clutter. The map boards are a marvelous idea and these are well positioned. The pump too is a nice feature.

LANDSCAPING

The outstanding array of pouches with planting on many places gives lovely colour. Their positioning on the wall is a unique way of displaying them and a lesson could learn from other towns and village about this. The area of the pump needs a little attention to detail to give a good-planted finish. The work going on beside the pump is unhelpful. The large car park could accommodate some tree planting, maybe if this was broken up into smaller units by tree planted barriers it would improve. Individual gardens contribute well to the overall landscape of the village and credit is due to those diligent gardeners.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The cleaning of the river project mentioned in the application form is a worthwhile project. A method of making people aware of the value of the local natural environment would be helpful and school projects could be a way of achieving this.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was disappointing with litter appearing in a number of places. The church grounds, the ball alley, on the roadside and the bin was overflowing outside the church at midday. The great work of the students and the projects described undoubtedly did much to clean litter. Litter is an everyday problem and constancy is needed to keep it under control.

TIDINESS

There is generally a good tidy appearance to the village. The weed grass growth between the

concrete slabs on the way into the church is untidy as is other grass type weeds at the foot of walls, The recycling bins help to concentrate peoples minds on keeping tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The two estates are well maintained with good grass attention in the open spaces and well cared for gardens. A garden competition would be a good idea. Some railings to the front of houses need to be painted. The large green at the end of St. Martins could accommodate more trees. The concrete block wall at that green is unsightly and would benefit from climbing plants or a line of trees planted near the wall. Individual homes on the main village roads are looked after well and there is evidence of pride in homes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The natural road verges are retained very well. Because the village is so small it is best to adopt a natural boundary to the roadsides. This allows for wild flowers, birds and insects to flourish. Road surfaces are good. The large car park - as mentioned above could accommodate the planting of trees and this make it more interesting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a good deal of activity in the village and the container plantings shows real hard work has been put in, and continues, with the care and maintenance needed for these. The continuing work will improve Tinryland significantly