

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **FEAKLE**  
County : **CLARE**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	27
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>202</b>

## **FEAKLE, CLARE**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Since the last time the Adjudicator visited Feakle there have been a number of changes for the better including the establishment of the Hostel and the redesigned landscaped area in the centre of the village and no doubt these improvements will be built upon in the future. Your entry form was well completed. However, it is now a requirement of the Competition that a three year plan/work programme accompany the entry form every year. This documentation and also a sketch map provide the adjudicator with a much more comprehensive picture of your work.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The work on the bridge area near Smyth's was noted. The fact that Smyth's Village Hotel is still in the process of rebuilding was noted – with the other changes around the village, it would be a great boost if this were to reopen. Premises that were well presented on the day included: - Loughnane's Hostel, Bohan's Bar and the house next door, the Church and Village Hall, the RIC cottages, G & M. Shortt's Bar where the minimalist signage was admired, the School and Pepper's Bar and surrounds. The GAA Clubhouse is well painted but the grounds are in urgent need of landscaping – this has been the situation for some time and is a reflection on the Gaelic Athletic Association for their inability to present their premises in the best light possible and thereby assist the local community in their Tidy Town endeavour.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As mentioned, the paved and seated area in the centre of the town looked well – the mosaic boards are quite unusual but provide interest in this area as does the painted tree by the small stream. There was very bad weather coming up to adjudication and account of this was taken into consideration when judging landscaping.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your educational programme, in conjunction with the Clare County Council, to advise local resident/farmers in regard to the preservation of wildlife and natural habitats, is admirable.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter to be seen throughout the village and the practical black bins strategically placed were noted. The litter pick organised on a rota basis with the local National School is an excellent idea and obviously working.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was mostly tidy and free of kerbside weeds. However, there are a few yards/back areas that negate the work of others.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Houses in and around the town make an effort to present themselves well by providing window boxes and flower tubs and some are exceptional. The housing estate was looking well and the planted green area at the end of this road is an example to others.

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

As mentioned above, a number of back areas are still presenting problems in Feakle. However, the more the situation improves around these the more they will stand out, hopefully, bringing the need to change home to the people involved.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Feakle is a very traditional village in East Clare with great character. We look forward to seeing continued progress in the Competition in the years ahead.