

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CHAPELIZOD**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	23	25
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>202</b>

## **Chapelizod, County Dublin**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Chapelizod enjoys an excellent location on the banks of the River Liffey and appears to have access to this wonderful amenity from St. Laurence's Road. You have mentioned a local area plan in your application, a copy of this should be included with next year's submission. Your cultural and historical heritage is acknowledged. We wish you well with the success of your community festival. It is good to note that local schools are involved in environmental projects and have an input into the festival brochure.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There are many well presented buildings in Chapelizod. The Mullingar House was exceptionally well presented and it was good to note its traditional sash windows. The Bridge Inn was well presented also. The Quadrant House was unattractive in appearance, some landscaping here might soften the otherwise bland effect and / or planting on the roof. The corner formed by the Des King & Son properties and the adjacent Riverside Café is an important focal point in the village which looks quite poor. The building at the junction opposite the Mullingar House (a school?) needs some landscaping also to soften its appearance. Well done on the general upkeep and painting of houses. We anticipate the successful redevelopment of sites in the village square.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Flower displays were not in evidence on the day of adjudication which was early in the season. The many fine stands of mature trees, both in the village and in its environs, are a handsome feature of the village and more than compensate for a lack of flowers. Some beds and containers in the village square looked somewhat neglected.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There appears to be access to the river from St. Laurence's Road, this should present the community with an opportunity to engage in a wildlife awareness programme and promotion of same. Other possible projects might be to conduct a survey of the wildlife of the area and identify necessary protection measures will be taken for wildlife.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Well done to the person responsible for keeping the "long meadow" free of litter. Litter control was quite good overall but a serious weak point was Chapelizod Hill. This was quite badly littered, as was the case on previous visits. Do try to involve the entire community in litter control.

## **TIDINESS**

Your problem with derelict buildings is acknowledged. Hopefully this problem will be resolved in time, given the strong demand for good development sites. Those in the village square are particularly important and it is hoped that they will be redeveloped soon. The over sized advertisement hoarding on the garage on the Dublin entrance is visually obtrusive. Hopefully this will be either removed altogether or very much reduced in scale. Weed growths along kerbs and at the base of walls should be taken into consideration under this category.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The terrace of houses marking the entrance from the Dublin Road were much admired. There is a fine mix of architectural styles and detail throughout the village and, in particular, the tiling detail over the doors on St. Laurence's Road were noted. The namestone for St. Laurence's Grove looked very well. Most of the newer housing developments were presented to a high standard also. Well done!

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

Wirescape in the village looks quite bad, particularly in the environs of the bridge. Many road signs need to be refurbished, especially their posts. The old telephone kiosk in the centre could be cleaned and / or painted and generally upgraded. Footpaths throughout looked well. We note from your application form the lack of parking facilities in the village and hope that this problem will be resolved to your satisfaction together with traffic management.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Chapelizod is good and the village has a lot of fine attributes. When redevelopment of derelict sites and the area at the bottom of Chapelizod Hill has taken place, it will make a significant contribution to the appearance of Chapelizod. Thank you for your continued participation. We anticipate many enjoyable repeat visits.