

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLANE**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	31
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	213	213

CLANE, CO. KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition of 2002 and thank you for your application. Clane is certainly a very busy town and your comments regarding traffic congestion have been noted. Much development appears to be taking place in Clane. It would be useful to the adjudicator – and perhaps to yourselves also, if a simple outline of your activities, objectives and future plans were put on paper. One was requested last year. A long difficult document is not necessary – try to put something together for next year. It will also help you focus on certain aims and objectives.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

McKenna's of Clane was possibly closed down or under construction. The Clane Adult Local Service building and entrance to the Tennis Club was well presented. The Esso garage wall was nicely landscaped. The Village Inn looked very well, as did Country Blossoms, the Corner House and the Pharmacy on the Prosperous Road. On the corner of the main thoroughfare and the prosperous road development work appears to be starting. What are the plans for this corner? The Church is beautifully presented as was Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Phádraig. The entrance to the Motor Factors on the Naas Rd needs attention. Further up from this the Eircom building area needs attention also.

LANDSCAPING

Various landscaped areas are well maintained and presented. Landscaping in some residential areas is excellent e.g. Collegewood Park. What a shame some of your trees were vandalised. Stonewalls look well especially along the Prosperous Rd. Scoil Mhuire was beautifully presented but there were some weeds at the entrance. The landscaping at Scoil Phádraig was excellent.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well done on making a video for your school. This is a worthwhile project. The Stream Park is a beautiful amenity no doubt enjoyed by many. It may be possible that through the schools wildlife habitats and species could be identified.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good on the day of adjudication and despite the busy town there were no major problems on the main thoroughfare. Your daily effort is admirable. Are any measures put in place to raise awareness of litter prevention? Some litter was noted on the road towards Oatfield Park. Also at the entrance sign for Conneff Park major litter was noted. Try to ensure that whoever is responsible for this area keeps it

well.

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. Be diligent where weed growth is concerned and continue to encourage residents and businesses to present their areas to the highest possible standards.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas are well maintained and presented. Well done to the Residents Committees for the effort they have made. Those particularly noted were: Collegewood Park, Oatfield Park, Abbeylands, Hillview, College Grove, and Hillview Heights. An Scoil Bheag preschool was also admired. Butterstream Lawns were very well presented but the lovely wall was nearly hidden by the grass on the Prosperous Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

With your position on a very busy thoroughfare it is not surprising that traffic congestion arises. Are any measures being taken by Kildare County Council to alleviate the problem? Some approach roads are in need of maintenance for grass verges etc. Some signs are in need of cleaning. The Prosperous Road looked well but parts of it are in need of resurfacing. The Carragh Rd was very well presented.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression of Clane is one of a very busy and fast developing town. The town however is well presented and well maintained and was a pleasure to adjudicate.