

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TIMOLIN**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	10	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	185	182

TIMOLIN, CO KILDARE

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the tidy Towns Competition for 2002 and thank you for your application. Timolin is a lovely village with much potential. It is clear from your application form that you have clear ideas and plans. Perhaps these could be submitted in the form of a brief plan simply outlining your activities and objectives.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Irish Pewter looked extremely well on the day of adjudication – well maintained with plenty of flowers etc. After the turn at the pub the building on the right is in need of whitewashing. The Sportsman's Inn looked well as did O'Brien's but some flowers would perhaps have brightened them both up a little. The house beside the entrance to the truck yard and the adjoining shop is also in need of attention. The car sales sign is in need of replacing. The School and Church of Ireland looked tidy and litter free – however soon the School may need to be repainted.

LANDSCAPING

The area coming into Timolin off the main road could be a lovely approach with its wide sweeping curve. Some trees are planted here and maintained. Perhaps this could be an area to concentrate on for next year. The wall across from the Sportsman's Inn has lots of potential and has been landscaped. However on the day of adjudication it is in need of weeding.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Much is mentioned in your application under this heading and Woodcourte Park is detailed on the map. All the adjudicator could find was Woodcourte House B&B and upon asking at the Pewter Mill no knowledge of the park was available. Please submit clear details for next year. The natural habitat area at Timolin School is commendable, as is the bird sanctuary, sheep park and wild duck area. A summary of future plans would have been helpful to the adjudicator.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication there was little or no litter visible. Well done. Perhaps details of your Keep Timolin Tidy Campaign could be forwarded along with your application next year.

TIDINESS

Some areas are being developed in the village e.g. the Moone entrance and the road out to the Pewter Mill. Be sure that any building is finished properly and that all materials are removed

after building has been completed. Weeds are a problem in some areas (the wall across from the Sportsman's Inn and the Willow Restaurant Car Park) giving an untidy impression.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most residences are maintained to a very high standard and many are to be commended. The house on the right coming in from the main road has a beautiful garden and is commended. The residential area beside O'Brien's is also very well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some surfaces on approach roads are in need of attention although obviously this is the responsibility of Kildare Co. Council. Verges have received attention and presentation is good. The surface outside the truck yard needs resurfacing and some areas need weeding.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression is very favourable. A balance between the natural and the maintained is evident here. Much is happening in the area of wildlife and natural amenities and the committee appears to be aware of its surroundings. A plan would be helpful to the adjudicator and perhaps it would also help the Tidy Towns Committee to go forward also. Well done on a very pleasant presentation.