

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ERRILL**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-08-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	42
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	37	37
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	234	233

Errill, County Laois

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your simple but detailed work plan and map. You have much to be proud of and your cooperation with the Local Authority, FAS, and other sporting bodies is bearing results. In particular we would recommend a greater emphasis on enhancing wildlife aspects of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Housing around the square is generally fine. Dowlings pub to the left is well presented. A number of houses have chip stone frontages. It looks clean but would not be called traditional. The Church yard has nice planters of shrubs to front with walls completely covered by hedging which looks very well. The church grounds themselves also look very well. Church grounds gate pillars could be painted, and the gates are showing a little rust. To the right, planters in front of church look quite well. Opposite the church is a wall with a nice array of flowers where the wall abutts the road. There was a nice display of roses in private house at this point. The freshly painted school looks well, with tidy lawns featuring a nesting box. Front walls are backed by a line of maturing trees. At one end of the car park a pump looks well but timbers are in need of restoration. Growth protruding from school chimney should be removed. The Post Office looks very well with its unusual window surrounds and Allens shop looks fine too. St. Bernadette's Hall has been painted but landscaping frontage has yet to happen. A new extension to house is being built on Castlefleming Road.

The house to right of school road is very well presented with hanging baskets. However opposite the Church the wall and open area need attention. A new wall is being built along football field frontage beside school was noted.

LANDSCAPING

The village crossroads of mature chestnut trees is a delight. Its presentation is litter free and there is no grass in the kerbs. Diamond shaped square is remarkably peaceful with its fine canopies of chestnuts. The water pump is an attractive feature surrounded with shrubs. There was an isolated show of litter in pond. In the right hand area where the Millennium oak tree was planted is another colourful display of flowers.

Wire fence well screened with shrubs and a fine selection of trees growing in the grass verge along Castlefleming Road. At the 30mph sign is a seat surrounded by shrubs and a litter bin. Some weed was noted in front of the seat. This verge continues an attractive connection right down into the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The cemetery and its ruined church look really well and nice to see Tidy Towns committee given credit on restoration plaque. The interpretation plaque is recommended for old church in graveyard. Cut verge and exterior stone wall well presented. The memorial to the Baron of Ossory is nicely presented on its plinth of stone and grass. It would be nice to see a wildlife park development in the area, as it seems perfect for one. Good to see some members of your group have joined a bird watching club.

LITTER CONTROL

Apart from an isolated litter 'show' at the Diamond water feature your litter prevention programme appears to be working well.

TIDINESS

There is some wirescape in the view up towards the Templemore end of the village. The wall on Castleflemming road had an unfortunate break in the wall closer to the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Tierney Park area is beautiful with its cottages and open grass area opposite. The walled amenity feature, however, not complete. Nice display in planter at entrance was noted. Village View looks quite well with work being done on its planters in front of the houses. The nearby timber fence has weed showing. Surrounding the village are a number of noted residences with well developed gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Borirs approach to Errill has an attractive verge to left with flowers, trees and a planter in which is a sign which directs you to Errill GAA Grounds. This gives way to cut hedges and a new brick wall that is being faced with stone. Approach from Templemore has cut hedges on either side as have the banks up to the hedging. From the 30mph sign verges have been cut. On left hand side nice stone wall in front of housing followed by yellow painted wall. Approach road from Rathdowney side looks fine with cut verges. Errill is noted for its fine walls particularly along the school road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Errill is fortunate to have an enthusiastic Tidy Towns committee. The village is beautifully set and is gaining immense advantage from the enlightened chestnut tree planters of times gone by. The next generation has much to look forward to.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (07/08/2002)

A few isolated papers were noted this time. Several road signs including poles will need

attention before next year. Weedy kerbsides were noted here and there, particularly at Village View. Possibly the most problematic aspect of presentation was untidy yards and laneways. On the otherhand the main grassed areas all looked well, particularly in the vicinity of the imaginative use of water at the pump where a dog was having a quiet nap on this, a warm overcast morning.