

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RAHEEN**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	176

Raheen, County Laois

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition 2002. Thank you for details of your one year plan. You appear to have kept to your programme and in spite of the large building project taking place in the centre of the village, you have completed a number of projects. Well done.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Directly opposite the Mass Rock is the old school. It looks fine although the wall capstones could do with painting. Eamonn A'Cnoic lounge bar has a rather large sign, over an attractive planter. There is a series of six tubs of flowers fronting the car park which contained very colourful blossoms. The car park is clean and tidy. The planter of flowers on right of car park is also attractive. The house adjacent to the church is nicely presented. The Church and its grounds are fine. There are four tubs of flowers at entrance and in addition, there is a nice bank of shrubs running down the right hand side to back of the church. To the left is a statue, lawn and shrubs. There is major construction work ongoing to right of the village centre and as is normal with a building site, considerable upheaval is being experienced in the village. The village main street has a number of attractive houses, including one two storey house which was decked with a fine array of potted flowers and shrubs.

LANDSCAPING

The Mass rock is well presented. Some weeds in the stone and where it butts to the road were evident. There is a nice display of shrubs in the stone work which surrounds the rock. Between the Mass rock and the Eamonn A'Cnoic pub plants have been placed in front of the fence which will provide screening in the future. The excellent garden of the house next door to Eamonn A' Cnoic also provides a tree background to the car park. There is a nice wall opposite the church.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The cemetery is well presented. Some grass could be cleaned off the access pathway. There are two flower pots at entrance. The old graveyard has much potential as a wildlife sanctuary. Some attention is needed as it is being used as a tip for old cooker and litter in the area of the stile.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no evidence of litter on the day of the visit.

TIDINESS

The kerbs need weeding.

RESIDENTIAL AREA

Houses in general were well presented. Most are single storey bungalows, but there are a number of two storey houses along and at either end of the main street.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach to Raheen from the Portlaoise Road: the wall in front of new house has been restored and looks well. There are fine stands of trees which present a welcoming aspect at both ends of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Raheen is a fine village somewhat hindered this year by way of the construction of the new school. Despite this the committee have stuck very well to their tasks.