

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SHANAHOE**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	34	34
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	32
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	217	216

Shanahoe, County Laois

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to Tidy Towns Competition 2002. Well done on funding support received and your work with FAS, Laois Co. Co., and Shanahoe National School. It is rewarding to see the results of your activities, the repairs to the old cottage, the Killaney Road walls, the new trees and flower beds. Your photographs are highly illustrative of your activities. A 3 to 5 year development plan is recommended.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

From the Durrow approach a new wall has been completed to the right in front of house at the cross roads. Closer to the village there are nice walls on both sides. To the left are some farm buildings which could do with screening. To the right is new wall at gateway into new house. Good wall frontage continues on right, hedging to left. There is a nice small house at back of Malone's Service Station. Modern Church building, its grounds and car park are nicely presented. The planter of flowers at one end of car park and inside walls of church grounds presents a nice array of plants maturing up behind the walls. Grounds of church are tidily presented. The Community Hall looks well with its gable end art work and planter of flowers. The school with yellow paint and blue topped walls is freshly presented although school gates, splashed with yellow paint could probably be painted black. The trees behind school wall are maturing well. Nice trees, shrubs and cut verges both sides. The door and windows of the cottage have been repaired and painted red.

LANDSCAPING

Beside the cottage on the Durrow road is a water pump feature with seats and flowers on and at the base of the wall. A green area with a variety of trees connects to the village with mature hedging to the right. Once again, a cut verge to the left with two planters of very colourful flowers. At the Shanahoe GAA Club sign there is a nice planter with shrubs and plants and growth overflowing wall to left. The approach from the Killaney road has an extended stone fronted flower bed which runs from the water pump dressed with two tubs of flowers giving a colourful stretch to the school. Farm buildings and their entrances in the centre of the village need landscaping. The gates of Old Hollow House should be kept in the same style as old walls.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Grave yard is well presented. Walls have ivy screening developing nicely. Wildlife garden around the old cottage is fine but could do with the introduction of a water feature. Generally you give little detail of your wildlife activities and as the area appears to have a very natural habitat it is clear that you have a rich and varied wildlife population.

LITTER CONTROL

You appear to have good control over litter as there was little in evidence on day of visit.

TIDINESS

There is a large entrance almost opposite the old cottage which needs weeding and flower boxes maintained. Some weed along wall left of Malones.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A number of houses in Killaney area have well presented gardens and flower boxes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach from Durrow to Shanahoe is pleasing with the Shanahoe sign in a cut verge with trees and wild roses screening a link wire fence. The Mountrath Road approach is well furnished with walls and some very fine large houses. The verge on the right has been cut and features a nice planter of roses. The approach from Abbeyleix road is well presented with cut verges with trees and planters of flowers.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Shahahoe is an attractive village with a relatively high number of large detached houses. It is attractively presented.