

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KESHCARRIGAN**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	22	20
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	162	155

Keshcarrigan, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Keshcarrigan Development Association Company Limited has a relatively large committee given the size of the village. You seem to have a good working relation with County Leitrim Partnership, local schools, sports groups and businesses. Your plans in relation to installing new street furniture and renovating the technical school are all highly commendable as is the ongoing development of the lakeshore amenity area. The plan to erect a piece of public art in the village is a good one because this will give the village a much needed focal point. Your three to five year plan was quite clear about your objectives over the next three to five years but perhaps for next year's competition you could identify which year you expect to achieve each objective in. Also include with your submission a clearer map indicating more plainly the village centre.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A new development of shops and houses was ongoing on the Drumshanbo approach on adjudication day. Gerties Canal Shop looked extremely well as did the Stop and Shop. Hillsbrook Bar was admired and its colourful window boxes looked well. The old national school had been freshly painted and was presented to a high standard.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaped areas throughout the village were generally well cared for. Incidental landscaped areas such as that by the technical school and that with rose beds at the set back on the main street were greatly admired. The lakeside amenity area looked well perhaps you could more strongly delineate the area that you (presumably) want to keep as a wild flower meadow differentiating between it and the actual picnic area. At the moment you appear to have cut the grass merely around the picnic tables. The canal harbour area was good but somewhat overgrown, the stone building containing the lavatories and laundry room is an attractive one but again it was quite overgrown by the picnic area in this location. The Fair Green Garden has been completed and planting to the side was admired. The monument was simply presented.

WILDLIFE

Your plans in relation to the installation of nesting boxes and the conservation of the otter set on the river are all highly commendable. Perhaps with your local brochure you could incorporate Lake Walk identifying areas of wildlife habitat along its length.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day could have been better. In a village of Keshcarrigan's size even one or two papers is all the more evident. Cans and papers

were evident on the Drumshanbo Road and more litter was apparent by the recycling bins. Papers were also apparent to the entrance to the fishing area on the Cloone Road and at the forecourt area of the VEC. The bin area of the harbour is most discreet and was admired.

TIDINESS

The amenity area on the Drumshanbo Road appeared somewhat neglected. Weeds were growing to the graveled area. Weeds were also apparent to a stone wall at the crossroads in the village centre. Seasonal lights were apparent in the centre of the village and these should be removed once Christmas and the New Year are over. The roadway leading down to the canal was quite overgrown and the tin roof of a shed at the crossroads should be repainted up in its traditional red colour.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are numerous new houses going up in and around the village. A pretty house with clematis growing round the door and an incidental planted bed was greatly admired as was the thatched Fionn MacCumhaill's cottage. Lake Walk B&B contributes well in this category.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category could have been better – perhaps cutting of grass verges had been restricted by the rainy weather we had been experiencing. The two building sites on the Drumshanbo Road did not help its presentation. There are too many advertising hoardings at the exit from the canal harbour area and these give a rather cluttered appearance. Some of the directional signs within the village and on approach roads appeared quite grubby. The Fenagh Road was presented to a higher standard but still could have been improved upon.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Keshcarrigan is an attractive village on the Shannon-Erne waterway. It has a wealth of fascinating heritage and history in relation to standing stones, cairns and dolmens. There is obvious enthusiasm in the village for the competition – keep up the good work.