

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CADAMSTOWN**
County : **OFFALY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	25
Litter Control	40	35	32
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	20	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	221	218

Cadamstown, County Offaly

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cadamstown is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Once again the village was very well presented and your commitment and dedication is evident in almost every corner of the village. Thank you for your submission, development plan and map, which facilitated adjudication greatly. The support that you receive from both residents and statutory bodies is commended and we wish you well in your endeavors to continue to progress in the competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Congratulations on the removal of the neon sign over the pub, however a 'Smithwicks' one still remains and more could be achieved for this prominently located property, perhaps with additional planting to the front. The white plastic seating mentioned in last year's report still features. The church with its well painted boundary wall, railings, gates and landscaped grounds look excellent. The majority of buildings in the village are well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The stone trough in the car park to the side of the pub could be planted and the wooden fencing to the side of this could be painted. However the large car park to the pub is well cared for and planting here is maturing well. It appears that only half of the boundary fencing has been varnished, we assume that the continuation of this was in progress. Planting across the road from the J. Dempsey public house is effective. Landscaping on both sides of the river, is really attractive, congratulations to all concerned on a well thought out and maintained amenity.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The picnic area looks well and is spotless in terms of litter and tidiness, despite the absence of a litter bin. Take care that the grass does not become too patchy, by re-sowing as necessary. The picnic tables and seating area could be touched up a little. The bog oak sculpture is visually appealing.

LITTER CONTROL

As previously mentioned, it is imperative that the picnic area features at least one litter bin, if you hope to continue the excellent standard of presentation here. The river and surrounding area, like everywhere else in the village was completely litter free on adjudication day. Your litter management strategies, including the Offaly Clean Up Week and contributions from residents and FAS workers, are clearly paying dividends.

TIDINESS

Old tied plastic bags which featured at the rear of the garden beside the large carpark should be removed. The road to the Giant's Grave features an old abandoned truck on a green open space which is a bit of an eyesore. The entrance to the village here is a bit overgrown with lots of weeds in graveled areas. This road also features a number of old rusted gates which should be refurbished. The old telephone kiosk, mentioned in last year's report, still needs to be refurbished or removed. This has not been mentioned in your submission, do you have any plans for this? Weed control does seem to be an issue this year, as does an amount of discoloured grass cuttings. Ensure that the building materials located at markers to the mill walk are removed upon completion of work.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are a couple of drab corrugated buildings at the side of the church en route to the Silver River Nature Trail. These should be repainted. The large back garden behind the previously mentioned drab-looking houses which is situated to the side of the large car park is very overgrown and also detracts from the presentation of this car park. A few residential properties throughout the village could be freshened but the standard overall is good.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some road surfaces could be improved including the entrance to the Silver River Nature Trail. The small carpark to the side of the pub could also be resurfaced and this area features a lot of weeds. We would suggest a fingerpost to the Giant's Grave detailing the distance. Grass cuttings have unfortunately been left to discolour on the Kinnitty road, these should be removed immediately upon cutting, otherwise this approach to the village is quite tidy. There is plenty of public seating throughout the village, well done. The village features some attractive stone walls especially on the Clonaslee road. Nameplates and road signage in the village are well cared for.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Cadamstown is one of a vibrant village with a community who care deeply about keeping their wonderful natural amenities presented to the highest standard for residents and visitors. Keep up the good work.