

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **COLLOONEY**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1902

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	24	20
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	20	21
Tidiness	20	8	9
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	22
General Impression	10	6	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>159</b>

## **Collooney, County Sligo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Collooney Tidy Towns Committee is to be commended on their quite sensible and comprehensive three year plan. The committee obviously have great enthusiasm for the presentation of the village. It is disappointing to note that you are having difficulty in gaining the support of the adults within the community. Your work in relation to maintaining and improving the riverside area is to be commended. Collooney is a charming village with its own unique character.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most of the public and commercial premises of the village were presented to a high standard on adjudication day. Quigley's is a charming traditional pub and Johnny Mac's Pub looked quite charming in yellow, however, some attention to the rear wall of the car park is needed for next year's competition. The National Schools looked charming and freshly painted, the attractive planting was commendable. Planting was also noted to the forecourt area of Riverside Motors. Conway's sport some attractive murals to their side walls. The churches contribute strongly to this aspect of the competition. The Methodist Church is simple and charming. The Church of Ireland is beautifully maintained. The curved walls leading up to the church give a very welcoming impression. The Catholic Church looked well with some magnificent landscaping to its car park area at the side and the entrance area to this. The Post Office was quite fresh as was P. Cullen's in yellow with green trims. However the Credit Union will need freshening up before next year's competition and a rather neglected looking building beside the Irish Permanent creates an unfortunate impression.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Teeling monument on the Ballisadare Road is totally overgrown and looked rather sad – it is a most unusual feature and should be shown to its best possible advantage. Perhaps you should contact the National Graves Association (or whatever authority is in charge of it) in order to get permission to clear it. The grotto in contrast was well presented with rose beds and grassy spaces surrounding it and at a lower level. The village pump looked quite flaky and should be painted up before next year's competition – it is hoped that the empty site behind will be developed in the not too distant future. The commercial premises of the town have contributed well to this aspect of the competition – the AIB looked most attractive with its window boxes and the hanging baskets to the Teeling Cafe were most attractive.

### **WILDLIFE**

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had left this section of the entry form blank again! However you do note that you are investigating the possibilities of

developing the natural environment in the vicinity of Union Wood and your work in regards to clearing up the river are to be highly commended. The adjudicator was pleased to note that the Girl's National School had obviously attained their Green Flag as it was proudly flying outside on the day.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Quite a lot of litter was evident on the Dublin approach on adjudication day. More was evident at the Teeling Monument, and at the speed limit sign on the Ballisodare Road.

## **TIDINESS**

The periphery areas of the village look quite neglected and will need attention. Weed control was a distinct problem on the day to the forecourt areas of houses on the Ballisodare Road and more alarmingly at the kerbsides by the village nameplate sign. More weeds were apparent to kerbsides at the bridge, to the National School and to a number of residential areas beyond Kiernan Avenue. The condition of the Teeling Monument has been mentioned elsewhere in this report. The Fair Green looked somewhat forlorn and neglected.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are a number of new housing estates being built in and around the village including Steeple View. The attractive limestone pillar depicting images of the village and incorporating Kiernan Avenue's nameplate was admired. The gardens and houses in this area were very well maintained as were those to Rowan Tree Gardens. An attractive house opposite the Catholic Church was admired. A couple of houses in the vicinity of the grotto will need painting up before next year's competition.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The standard in this category of the competition could have been a great deal better. Approach roads were very overgrown. Please try to achieve a balance of presentation in this area – try to get the roadsides to look natural without appearing totally overgrown. The kerbsides in the vicinity of the Ballisodare Road were broken in places. Verges opposite the Steeple View were extremely overgrown.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Collooney is a most unusual and charming village with much to offer resident and visitor alike. You will need to make a concerted effort in terms of weed control and maintenance of approach roads and kerbsides in order to present the village to its best advantage. There are a number of obvious areas which would benefit greatly from the attentions of the Tidy Towns Committee. The village has all the ingredients to do extremely well in the competition provided the problem areas outlined in this report and those mentioned last year are attended to.

