

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GARRYKENNEDY**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	40
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	26
Litter Control	40	36	35
Tidiness	20	17	17
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	252	249

Garrykenny, Tipperary (NR)

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Garrykenny and the commitment of the residents continues to impress. The entry form and plan concisely showed the work undertaken during the year and your aspirations for the future and gave the adjudicator a helpful insight into the overall position. On the day of adjudication there were a number of cruisers in the harbour. Unfortunately, it was raining, as it had been for a number of weeks previously. This factor was taken into consideration when judging took place. Your plans to encourage the setting up of a tea shop and a premises where provisions could be purchased by the sailors would provide a much needed facility in the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Garrykenny was looking well, especially the two Public Houses with good décor and hanging baskets. Other premises had rambling roses around the windows. The two derelict buildings have been “disguised” to some extent which alleviates the problem until a long term solution can be found. The maintenance of the public toilets must be constant as there was quite an amount of graffiti. We did not see the effects of your initiative in flood lighting the Castle as it was daytime, but with its situation at the edge of the lake, this should be quite spectacular.

LANDSCAPING

Because of the bad weather, the grass was not cut in all areas but Garrykenny was looking well overall and all the colourful flower beds were admired. The foreshore area was very well maintained and the planting at the base of the wall adjoining the car park noted. Perhaps some fast growing creepers could also be introduced here.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The duck sanctuary initiative was viewed. However, there were no ducks to be seen on the day. This project, and the Forest Trail already put in place show your commitment to the Wildlife category.

LITTER CONTROL

Good bins were strategically placed and the village was virtually litter free.

TIDINESS

Garrykenny was mostly neat and tidy throughout without kerbside weeds. However, the area with the picnic table and some poor planting on the right on the way down to the car park was rather untidy with a large yellow pipe protruding from the ground.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All private houses in the village and on the forest road contribute to the overall good image of Garrykennedy. More houses are being built on the forest road and no doubt the new residents will be encouraged to join in your endeavours

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signage throughout was well maintained and all the approach roads neatly trimmed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression one gets in Garrykennedy is of very good general maintenance and care of the village, which, of course, is essential. We wish you well in the future.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (05/08/02)

The attractive village nameplate with overhanging colourful nasturtiums was admired on the approach to the village. The amenity area with picnic table and exposed plastic pipe was still in the same condition as it had been at first adjudication day. A line of trees to the car park area opposite Ciss Ryan' ;s appears to have been removed since this adjudicator's last visit to the village. It is important to reinstate something in this location in order to soften the effect of the harsh tarmacadamed car park and maintain the road line in this location. The village looked extremely well on a beautiful August bank holiday Monday and much evidence of wild life (both in terms of birdlife and humans!) was in evidence with swans, cygnets and ducks all enjoying the unusually fine weather.