

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LITTLETON VILLAGE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	14
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	195	192

Littleton, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you very much for the completed entry form and sketch map of the village. This year's entry did not contain a work plan review that aside Littleton is making good progress and the level of cooperation between the local community and the committee is very evident. It was noticeable that a few issues that have been causing concern over the last few years are being addressed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Village was adjudicated on a Saturday and one would have thought that the level of traffic via the village would be less but if anything it was greater. I am aware that the Committee is concerned that the volume of traffic is a cause for concern but unfortunately this is something that has to be lived with. Traffic calming measures put in place over the last few years have eased the situation, but it is still a bit of a lottery trying to exit on to the main road from any side road. The standard of presentation of premises this year was very good and residents are to be complimented on the manner in which they have maintained their properties. The issue of dereliction has been tackled over the last few years and the village looks the better for it.

A number of premises have been refurbished since last year but the signage in one or two is not in keeping with what one would like for a rural village. The public buildings and grounds were well presented and credit is due to those responsible for their upkeep. The Moycarkey/Borris GAA grounds car park is still very weedy and slightly untidy so maybe this could be rectified prior to next year's competition. As was the case last year there are many fine examples of well-presented private residences in a village that is, despite its positioning, very rural.

LANDSCAPING

Any village committee embarking on new planting schemes should exercise caution and get the mix of trees, shrubs and flowers in balance and in keeping with the village and its surrounds.

This has been done with greater effect in Littleton as, saplings planted on the outskirts of the village are now maturing, shrub beds are placed at appropriate positions around the village and flower tubs and hanging baskets are colourful and effective even after making allowances for the atrocious summer to date. Some of the stone beds need to be refreshed over the next few weeks in the hope that when we get a summer that the plants and flowers will be at their best.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is no mention of a wildlife project in the entry form, which is a pity as last years adjudication report advocated the benefits that one could bring to the village. Consideration should be given to having a wildlife project identified in time for next year's competition.

LITTER CONTROL

The committee have taken measure to promote an anti litter awareness campaign amongst the community and this seems to have paid off as the village was litter free on adjudication day. Keep up the effort and extend the anti litter message to all passing traffic through the village by way of more unobtrusive signs.

TIDINESS

Littelton was tidy when visited and there was very little evidence of weed growth and residue of farm related activity.

Again the Committee are to complimented on its efforts under this category. There were one or two areas where grass cuttings need to be raked up and disposed off. One or two retail premises had too many window notices but they are not alone in this respect, as this seems to be a countywide problem. Personally I think all these notices are unseemly and untidy, if each had a recognised notice board it would be far more effective and less obtrusive.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this section this year was also quite good with all the residential areas being maintained to a high standard and a good deal better than a few years back. The collective effort of most residents, there are a few exceptions but these are every where, in the older areas McDonagh, Church View, St Brigid's Terrace as well as St Kevin's Park, in the new areas such as Derry Na Flan Drive and Avenue is to be commended. Keep up the effort it is making a very positive contribution to the good name of the village of Littleton.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Again the main approaches from Cork and Dublin are in the main well maintained, with grass areas cut back, sign posts visible and warnings of traffic calming well posted. The one negative here is that the accident black spot sign, on the Dublin entrance, is slightly less visible because of the maturing tree. The entrances from Killenaule and Thurles were also maintained to a good standard but trying to exit from these roads on to the main road can be a little difficult.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Committee of 9 has worked hard to ensure that Littleton is a better place for its resident and, an attractive place for the visitor to stop off of although there seems to be no coffee shop or tea room or maybe I did not look closely enough. It has tried

to address issues of concern and come up with practical solutions to make sure that the Village makes progress in the Competition.