

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	21
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	24	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	18
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	167

Loughmore, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Loughmore continues to improve under the leadership of the Tidy Village Association. It is helpful that you have a FAS scheme in operation to assist you in your endeavours. However, you must draw up a three year plan and submit it with your entry each year now as mentioned in last year's report. A sketch map of the village showing where work has taken place should also be included.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings in Loughmore, including the main ones of the Church and School are very well maintained. McGraths Pub and the Loughmore Inn are also well presented, the latter with its pleasant landscaping. Unfortunately, the old creamery is still an eyesore and ivy continues to take hold on Loughmore Castle: - a strategy towards solving these problems should be contained in your plan. The Parish Centre also is rather drab and could do with a facelift. Loughmore Abbey is well signposted and the entrance well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

There are a number of pleasantly landscaped areas around the village and the signposted riverside picnic area is a fine amenity. The weather has been very poor to date in 2002 and account of this fact was taken when judging.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The planting which has taken place around the village contributes in this area but a dedicated wildlife project should also be initiated.

LITTER CONTROL

There was virtually no litter to be seen in the village on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

The village is mostly neat, tidy and weed free. However, the yard/car park next to McGrath's Pub needed attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses are all playing their part in the Tidy Towns effort. Building was taking place in a couple of areas – no doubt the new residents will be encouraged to join with you in your endeavours – it is important that all residents in the village contribute.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signage was good throughout – however, road verges were

quite rough in a number of areas. Loughmore is well promoted with large signs on the main Thurles/Templemore road. Approach roads were well trimmed back.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Loughmore is a rather special village with its many heritage aspects and it is commendable the care and attention being provided to conserve and enhance these monuments. We wish you success with your endeavours in the future.