

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	29
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>178</b>

## **Rathcabbin, County Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The documentation supplied was very comprehensive and useful. We note that over half your goals were achieved in 2001 – well done. No doubt the items not achieved remain on your agenda.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

It was good to note progress has commenced on the Mid-West Health Centre with new gates and door and that painting is to follow. The Church and grounds were in excellent condition as was the School. Kennedy's Garage was for sale and no doubt you will encourage the new owners to upgrade this site. The Last Chance Bar & Village Store was looking well with the lanterns a nice feature here. The stone wall with seating is a good idea but the hedge was obtruding here, no leaving room for a person to sit on the seats and should be trimmed back. The Parish Hall had weeds growing out of its chutes.

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have maintained what has been put in place to a high standard and we look forward to more progress in this category in the years ahead. 2002 was a difficult year to date with such poor weather, and account was taken of this fact during adjudication. The paintwork at the pump, in Tipperary colours, was flaking and needed to be repainted. The new stud fencing near the MWHB was admired and the beech hedge noted further in.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The planting undertaken contributes in this category but you might consider undertaking a specific project in the future.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter bins were in good condition and well placed. There was a sprinkling of litter on the road to the housing estate but overall there was little evidence of litter in the village.

### **TIDINESS**

The area where you are considering placing a bench was quite untidy with black plastic refuse in situ.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most houses contribute to the tidy town effort and some are exceptional, like the stone house next to the public house with its red hall door and wooden window boxes upstairs and downstairs. However, the surrounds need finishing here.

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

Approach roads were mostly well trimmed back and signage well presented.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

As identified in your submission, much of your immediate work will involve lobbying people to finalise what they have promised to do. We look forward to seeing further progress in the future. Attention to detail would be important.