

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAPPAWHITE**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	17
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	28
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	209

Cappawhite, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed application form, the very fine and useful map and the delightful before and after photographs you supplied. A lot is currently happening in Cappawhite with work in progress at the school and elsewhere throughout the town. The Raperal drive was very well presented and excellent work is in progress at the Cemetery entrance area, facing the flower beds with delightful stone. In common with many villages of its size, Cappawhite is faced with a number of houses within the street being closed and wherever possible gainful alternative use ought be urgently sought for these premises which, because of their location can be visually very important.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The large new factory beside the GAA Club is progressing. The Garda Station while well painted could be improved by additional planting to brighten this area. Treacy's Victuallers was very well presented while Armshaw's Lounge Bar looked well. The Church and the most interesting Dutch-like house beside it are strong visual elements ,while the improvements to the Crescent and notably the green area here was a delight. The new Health Centre and the major work in progress at the School on Chapel Street were noted. The front facing wall of the vocational school is nicely painted. The Post Office was attractively presented but the base of walls should be washed for optimum effect. The old Barracks House was very colourful and well presented while the Texaco Filling Station was attractively presented.

LANDSCAPING

The Health Centre enjoyed a modest amount of planting while the tree planting on the Tipperary Road, especially at the Crescent, was very effective. Small planters in front of Hayes' Garage caught the eye as did the many hanging baskets on individual houses and shops especially Coughlan's Pub. The new flower beds at the centre and the planting near the Pallet factory are worthwhile additions. The newly developed areas at Fr. Callanan Park and especially the new stonework at the Cemetery are applauded.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The provision of appropriate wildlife habitats and sanctuaries within the town are now seen as important elements of the Tidy Towns Committees annual programmes. The Crescent, Fr. Callanan Park and National School in Chapel Street all offer opportunities for their development. Please discuss with a knowledgeable local or avail of the services provided by the Wildlife Officer of Duchas to construct an appropriate programme.

LITTER CONTROL

The town had a good display of solid, suitably sized litter bins. In general, litter management was of a high order but there was a disappointing falling from grace near the cemetery which detracted materially from the splendid impression provided by the new stone surround to the flowerbed.

TIDINESS

Many aspects contribute, for good or ill to the impression under this category. The amount of loose stones on the road at the entrance to the Vocational School jarred as did the spoil on the side of the road towards the end of the Main Street. The Recycle for Life installation is appropriately sited but an amount of material had been left in the area without being actually inserted into the various containers. The difficulty occasioned by premises no longer in use, T.H. Ryan's Bar for example, present a special challenge to be overcome. The work done in the central square is of a high order and the entire area utilises the splendid buildings, flower beds and other elements for a very pleasant presentation.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The communal grassed areas at the Crescent were augmented by a very pleasant tree planting throughout the estate. Some weeds between the road and pavement detracted somewhat from individual houses which were excellently presented. The mural showed some signs of fading. The individual houses on Chapel Street were a delight as were many houses in Fr. Callanan Park where again the communal grassed areas and tree planting were of a high order.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some excellent signage was noted particularly that for Redhill Mountain and Kilmore Wood. On the Tipperary Road the 30 mile an hour signs were clean and hedgerows and verges were well cut back. It is always desirable to arrive at a clear-cut divide point between the town and the surrounding rural countryside. It is probably best to use the road junction here as the "Official Start". The village nameplate was very well presented although the many signs in the centre of town could with advantage be washed. The same comments apply to the village nameplate at the National School while it is a concern that the "Caution Children Crossing" sign is very much obscured.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cappawhite is a very interesting settlement with an attractive laid out central area. A number of interesting features, the old Church in Chapel Street and the sizeable communally owned buildings on Main Street together with the central square are elements and features of considerable value. The works of the Tidy Towns Committee in presenting the village as well as it is are to be applauded and we urge you to keep up the good work.

