

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DONOHILL**  
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>174</b>

## **Donohill, County Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you indeed for all the information and the map sent with the entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that you have the support of your County Council, Fás, ESB, South East Tourism, Tipperary LEADER etc and, of course, your local community in terms of physical help and sponsorship. Your approach to development is very methodical and, in the event, you should try to identify what you can do per year within your physical and financial resources. You received an in depth report from the Adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress to date and should be read in tandem with last years report.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As last year, the Church, the School and Community Hall were well presented and are being well maintained. As commented last year, the Cemetery and the statue above the hill are major landmarks and have a very dramatic appearance. St. James Well is a very nice feature and is also being well maintained. Commercial premises within the village look well. The new houses are a lovely addition to the overall layout of the village.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Comments made by the Adjudicator under this heading last year are still applicable. On adjudication day work was in progress on the landscaping in the vicinity of the Church and School which is very spectacular. Donohill has many open spaces which could benefit from a similar initiative. In the event try to use trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Tubs of flowers and window boxes, where presented, create a nice atmosphere around the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your comments under this heading have been noted but the ideal is that you would undertake a wildlife project – for example the provision of feeding tables and nesting boxes at a suitable site which would be an added attraction for the village. Perhaps this is something that the school children could take on. There may be someone in your locality who is interested in wildlife. Alternatively you can seek advice from the Wildlife Officer of Dúchas.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Donohill was practically litter free on adjudication day. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring. Congratulations to all concerned.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly on the obvious regard which your residents have for their living environment.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

As mentioned, the new houses looked extremely well. Individual houses throughout the village are being well maintained. Some had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day. In a small village this is an important aspect of the competition as you cannot hope to succeed without this type of individual effort. Well done to all concerned.

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

Road surfaces and additional pedestrian areas looked well and, in this connection, great credit is due to your Local Authority. Approach roads looked very nice and created a nice atmosphere at the entrances to the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Donohill is a lovely village and reflects great credit on its residents. Careful planning and attention to detail will gain you additional marks in the Competition. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Donohill again next year to see further progress made.