

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DRANGAN VILLAGE**  
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>201</b>

## **Drangan, County Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

You are to be complimented on the extensive documentation submitted with the fully completed entry form. It underscores the great level of activity going on throughout the village. Thank you also for the photographs and background information provided. It is pleasant to note the restoration work in progress in visually important locations within the village. Many houses featured, O'Hallorans was very well painted. Butler's displayed fine window boxes and was also decorated by the splendid hanging baskets from the standards outside. The large scale cement works is by its nature a difficulty but perhaps selective tree planting and screening would aid matters here.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Endowed with many fine structures Drangan has made good use of its built heritage. The old Boys School – 150 years old – is very well presented and with the nearby Church is a strong visual element. The walls surrounding St. Mary's old Cemetery are maintained in very good order. The Glanbia plant was very neat and even it featured an agreeable historic plaque recording the days of the Co-operative. The Community Centre (former school) was very well presented, free of weeds and a total absence of litter. Scoil Naomh Padraig (1967) with its extensive grounds was colourful and well presented with the grassed areas suitably cut. Brushing the base of the front facing wall would enhance it still further. The Cusack Memorial and the Convent were, as usual, well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The treatment of the holy well opposite the junction has been very well arranged. Simple white washed walls capped by grey paint is an excellent treatment for this sensitive area. The iron work at the Church was particularly well presented with the painting being a real joy. The ongoing hanging basket project continues its success. Many individual houses featured splendid gardens. The provision of flower beds for example at the entrance to O'Brien's and minor items like the three black bollards in this area also contributed. Hanging baskets at Maureen's Hairdressers and the flower beds at the Old Forge area are pleasant features.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your successful planting programme will in the long-term help to create and extend a food chain on which a successful wildlife programme is necessarily dependent. Other centres have found it worthwhile to identify an area within the school ground as a designated wildlife and bird life sanctuary. The provision of feed tables and nesting boxes might, with advantage, be explored by Drangan in association with the school authorities.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter generally was good throughout the centre. Surprisingly some was noted at the old and the new Cemetery areas. Litter bins were noted at the Naomh Padraig School. A surprising and disappointing amount of litter was noted surrounding the ESB facility opposite the School. In general litter management was of a high order throughout the centre.

## **TIDINESS**

The centre generally was neat and orderly with some excellent items contributing positively under this category. The area in front of Naomh Padraig School had been well swept up but then, surprisingly, the spoil had been left, perhaps awaiting collection in the corner. The now disused petrol and diesel pump near Slieve na Mban House need remedial action.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Hillview houses featured good individual efforts while the communal grassed areas were very well presented. Extensive new housing is underway on the Killenaule Road which will add to the stock of houses in the village overtime.

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

First impressions on the approach roads are clearly important. The Killenaule Road is very well presented and the verge appropriately cut back from the 30 mile and hour signs. The village nameplate sign needs to be washed. On the Moyglass Road the speed limit signs are partly obscured and urgent remedial action is recommended. Similarly the Mullinahone Road speed limit signs are partly obscured. Various signs located near the Cusack Memorial would benefit from washing.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Great strides are being made in Drangan. Build on your existing substantial resources of important, visually strong buildings and the extensive opportunities for landscaping. Please continue your successful efforts as the improvements in the centre are noteworthy from year to year.