

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	174

Grange, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for the information sent on the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. While the village is very small there is every indication that you are receiving full co-operation from your residents and your school children all of which are imperative if you are to progress further in the competition. You received an in-depth report 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, School, Hall, Shop and Post Office looked extremely well on adjudication day and are obviously being well maintained. Comments made last year regarding possible future work under this heading are still applicable.

LANDSCAPING

Trees planted in the past at Grange are now maturing and create a very nice ambiance in the village. Various suggestions were made in last years report regarding future landscaping and planting. In the event try to choose trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Planters and window boxes, where presented, looked well and are obviously being well looked after. Open spaces were nicely presented and reflect great credit on all concerned. The School grounds again looked well this year, as did the Cemetery.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading this year. Initially perhaps you might consider the provision of feeding tables and nesting boxes for birds which would provide a lovely added attraction in the village. Perhaps this is something that the school children could take on in the school grounds. For the moment you will be allocated the same mark as last year.

LITTER CONTROL

Grange was practically litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. Litter bins in prominent places were noted.

TIDINESS

A wonderful tidy atmosphere prevails in Grange and reflects greatly the interest which the residents have in the preservation of their environment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses looked extremely well. Many had lovely gardens which were in full bloom. In a small village this type of support is vital for your Tidy Towns effort. You cannot succeed without it. Well done to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads looked very nice and were nicely trimmed and road surfaces are being well maintained. The condition of approach roads is very important as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall, Grange is a lovely little village and your residents must be very proud of the way it has been presented each year which has gained you additional marks in the competition. If you can, try to produce a 3/5 year plan on practical projects which you can carry out, on a yearly basis over that period within your physical and financial resources. This type of planning and attention to detail will gain you further marks. It need not be an elaborate plan but can be done in conjunction with your Local Authority and perhaps FÁS. In the event do send a copy next year with your entry form so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime keep up the excellent work.