

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	24	22
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	191

Grangemockler, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your small Committee are doing excellent work in the village and are to be thanked for all the information sent with the entry form and the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is important to maintain contact with your Local Authority and indeed gratifying to read that you have also got the support of your local School. For the purpose of the competition and indeed in the interest of the preservation of the environment, Committees are encouraged to produce a 3/5 year plan for the purpose of identifying environmental projects which can be carried out on a year-to-year basis over that period within their physical and financial resources. This plan need not be elaborate or expensive and can be done in conjunction with your Local Authority, Fás and local interests. Your Regional Tourism Authority (based in Waterford) will also be glad to help with advice on the requirements of the Competition for which they have long experience. In the event please send a copy of this plan with your entry form next year so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it. You received an in-depth report last year from the Adjudicator. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress made to date and should be read in tandem with that report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your Church, Community Hall and School looked very well on adjudication day. Surrounding walls and stone walls are also being well maintained and the new stonework on the Nine-Mile-House approach looked particularly well. The Millennium Stone is indeed a nice feature as is the pump and its surroundings. Commercial premises looked very well and reflect great credit on their owners. The Esso Station is indeed becoming derelict and because of its central situation does not enhance an otherwise very good effort as far as presentation is concerned.

LANDSCAPING

The open spaces on the Nine-Mile-House approach present tremendous opportunities for further landscaping particularly by the use of trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Flower containers, flowerbeds and window boxes, where presented throughout the village create a nice atmosphere and are being well looked after. The open space at Linaun Park is being well maintained. That at the Mill Road Housing Estate does need attention. Planting which took place in previous years around the village is now maturing and creates a very nice ambience.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The sites of the bird tables were visited but, on adjudication day, they appeared not to

be there or, if they were, they were not easily identifiable. Perhaps it is intended to put them there at a later date. The river and its wildlife sign is a nice area and could be developed further in terms of, for example, the introduction of ducks. Some development work could be carried out on the river banks for the purpose of enhancing the walking facility.

LITTER CONTROL

Grangemockler was practically litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. This is obviously a big improvement on last year. It is a situation which needs to be constantly monitored as it is an important part of the competition.

TIDINESS

With the exception of the Esso Station the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. All the derelict cars seem to have been removed but the site itself could be improved.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses are being well maintained and looked very well. Some had nice gardens in full bloom on adjudication day. New building at Mill Road Housing Estate was noted and hopefully this will further enhance the village when it is completed next year. Linaun Park looks very nice and reflects great credit on the residents.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are being very well kept and show signs of recent cutting. This is an important part of the competition as these roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Hopefully Traffic Calming will help the general environment of the village. Road surfaces and pathways are in good condition and credit for this must go to your Local Authority.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Grangemockler is a very nice village and reflects greatly the interest of your residents in their living environment. Further progress in the competition will be had through planning and attention to detail, the beginning of which the Adjudicator hopes to see next year on a return visit. In addition of course it will be important to keep up the maintenance of what has already been achieved.