

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>174</b>

## **Hollyford, County Tipperary South**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you indeed for all the information supplied with the Entry Form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. It is indeed gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of FAS, your Local Authority and your Community for your efforts which are well reflected this year again in the village. Tidy Towns Committees are encouraged to produce a 3/5 year plan which would have the effect of indentifying what environmental projects need to be carried out in the village and those that can be achieved on a year to year basis within your physical and financial resources. This need not be an elaborate plan. It can be done in conjunction with your Local Authority and your other associates. In the event please send a copy with your Entry Form next year so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. 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 that report.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As last year your Church, School, Credit Union, Community Hall and Bridge looked extremely well and are being well maintained. The Millennium Garden is a lovely feature and is being well maintained also. Your stonewalls are also a feature of the village and create a nice ambience. The Grotto looks very well and work in progress on it was noted on adjudication day. The Handball Alley is reasonably presentable. Unfortunately, as mentioned in last year's report, a number of commercial premises create an air of untidiness for which there seem to be no short-term solution. Nevertheless O'Connells Bar, Jimmy Rue's and the Food Store Shop were nicely presented and greatly enhance the appearance of the main square.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping on the Tipperary approach road is lovely and greatly embellishes the riverside setting. The Millennium Garden is being nicely kept. Some rubbish however was seen in the river on adjudication day. For the future, and as part of your 3/5 year plan, try to identify further sites within the village where you could plant trees and shrubs which would give you some colour on an all year round basis. Landscaping which took place in past years is now maturing and the village is benefiting greatly from it.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Comments made under this heading last year are still applicable. The Millennium Garden would be an ideal setting for, for example, feeding tables and nesting boxes which could attract a variety of wild birds. The introduction of ducks could also be considered. In passing it should be mentioned that the bird tables were not in position at either the Millennium Garden or on the Tipperary road on adjudication day.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Some litter was again noticed in the river but, in the main, the level of control is still very good. This is an important part of the competition and requires constant monitoring.

## **TIDINESS**

Comments made last year under this heading are still applicable but, in the main, the village was presented in a neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interest which the residents have in the protection of their environment.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual houses looked very well. The new thatched cottage is a delight. Many houses had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day. The house behind the Millennium Garden is, in this respect, remarkable. This too is an important part of the competition as, a small village, you cannot hope to succeed without this individual effort. Well done to all concerned.

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

Approach roads, particularly the Tipperary one, looked extremely well. Surfaces and footpaths are being well maintained and in this connection great credit must go to your Local Authority. Verge cutting was in progress on adjudication day. The condition of approach roads is important as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Back areas are being well kept and generally tone in well with the rest of the village.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Great work is being done in Hollyford and further marks will be had through planning and attention to detail. The Millennium Bridge project shows what can be done with community determination. Keep up the good work.