

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	27
The Built Environment	40	22	23
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	180	173

Lattin, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Clearly the village is in a quandary over the long delayed proposed road realignment and you are correct to maintain your Tidy Towns activities in the meantime. Like many similar small settlements on busy roads it is important to establish a clear cut divide point between the surrounding, rural area and the village proper. This has been done quite successfully using the Tennis Court on one entrance and the very fine ancient cemetery on the other. Hedgerows have been pleasantly and appropriately cut back on approach roads and it is noted that new houses are being built in the village contributing to the very lifeblood and progress. Thank you for the comprehensive 3 year plan (2000-2003) which together with the useful map facilitated matters on the day of adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Although small, Lattin has a number of imposing, public buildings. The fine Church with its coarsed rubble wall to the front is visually very important. Take care to remove the weeds from the base of the walls. Equally, some spoil has been allowed to accumulate between the road and the pavement opposite. The premises of the Tennis Court have been particularly well presented. The village Inn featured well selected, strong colours, adding to its importance as a visual element. It will need repainting soon to maintain its significance. The cemetery wall and this area was very splendidly presented. The premises of P. Ryan was attractive.

LANDSCAPING

The roadway between the Tennis Court and the village proper would be enhanced if the grass between the road and the pathway were cut more often. The imposing Moate is an important field monument. A number of trees, which appear to be dead, could with advantage be removed. The Grotto and burial ground are a delight and very well presented. We noted work in progress on the day of adjudication. The planters outside the fine rubble wall of the Church are out of scale in their present location. Perhaps planting inside the wall, which would cascade over the top, would be a more appropriate solution.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Although it may appear to be outside the general, mainstream remit of Tidy Towns Committees, the encouragement of wildlife and bird life within the village is now seen as an important adjunct to your activities. Explore with a knowledgeable local or the Wildlife Officer of Duchas the development of a 3 or 4 year programme with this objective.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management generally is of a good order and well done to all involved. Litter bins were in evidence at the ancient cemetery, in the village and at the Church. Each was well presented.

TIDINESS

The fine Club House at the Tennis Court was well presented but we were disappointed with the amount of weeds at the base of the boundary wall. The wall itself would be as attractive as the premises if it too were painted as has been so successfully done in the entrance area. The Community Alert sign simply needs to be washed for better effect. Quite a number of weeds disfigure the fine path leading to your splendid grotto. In general the village projects a pleasant and orderly air to the passing visitor.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Melrose Close looked quite well. The weeds between the road and pavement detracted from the pleasant terrace of houses opposite. The individual houses on the Cullin Road were very well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roads, streets and their presentation are important in small villages especially on busy roads. While there are extensive plans for realignment, it is difficult to cope when a firm start date for this major job is denied to you. In the meantime the village nameplate on the Tipperary Road was very well presented with some planting of bedded plants underneath it. Road verges were suitably cut back but the 'Slow Through The Village' sign was presented in a less favourable condition.

The speed limit signs were fine except for one on the Cullin Road which was obscured.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Lattin is an attractive village which is making good use of its attributes. The ancient cemetery, the central Church, Tennis Court and Moate collectively help to provide character, shape and identity to what is a pleasant and appealing centre. Please give attention where possible to the minor items outlined above and additional success will be your reward in the years to come.