

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	22
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	204	202

Marlfield Village, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. Your Committee of 15 are doing excellent work and it is encouraging to read that you have the support of other agencies in your locality. Bearing in mind your comments regarding a “lived in environment” you should try, if possible, to develop a 3/5 year plan in which you would identify further environmental projects which could be carried out within your physical and financial resources. This does not need to be an elaborate plan and could be done in conjunction with your Local Authority, Fás, your local residents and other interested parties. The South East Regional Tourism Authority – based in Waterford – would also be glad to give advice and help as they have long experience of the Tidy Towns Competition. In the event perhaps you might enclose it with your entry form for next year so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it. Following last year’s adjudication you received an in-depth report. 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

The gates to Marlfield House are very imposing and the surrounding landscaping adds a nice touch to them. Marlfield Stores is also being well maintained. The Church is a very impressive building and the road to it is very nicely presented. While the driveway to the Church itself is very pleasing, unfortunately the Cemetery is somewhat overgrown and needs attention. St. Patrick’s Well is also being well maintained with evidence of work taking place on adjudication day.

LANDSCAPING

Comments made under this heading last year are still applicable. Open spaces looked well with evidence of them being cut in recent times. Trees and shrubs planted in the village in the past are now maturing and create a very nice atmosphere very much in keeping with the living environment. The GAA grounds looked well on adjudication day. The pump in the village is a very nice addition. Perhaps more could be made of it.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Lake area is a wonderful facility with many ducks and other wildlife to be seen on adjudication day. It is noted that there is limited access (except by foot) from the village proper which would suggest that judicious signposting needs to be placed within the village, directing car traffic to the site. It is too wonderful a facility not to be enjoyed to the fullest extent by the public. The area around the Lake is being well maintained and public seating looked well.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. Unfortunately however there was some litter at the entrance to St. Patrick's Well and some graffiti on the signposting there which was unsightly. There was also evidence of minor littering at the Mountain View Estate.

TIDINESS

The village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interest which your residents obviously have in the preservation of their environment. Congratulations to all concerned.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual houses are the major plank in your Tidy Towns effort and, in this respect, you obviously have a tremendous amount of support from your residents. Houses looked extremely well. Many had gardens in full bloom on adjudication day which reflect great credit on their owners. Mountain View Estate is also being well maintained. The only hiccup being minor littering. In a small village this type of support is absolutely essential. You cannot hope to progress without it.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surface in the village is in good condition as indeed are paths. Verges are being well maintained and were weed free. The approaches to the village would appear to have been cut in recent times and looked well. This however, particularly in wet weather, needs constant monitoring as the condition of such roads tends to set the tone for the rest of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As was the case last year, this Adjudicator was very impressed with Marlfield and the work which is being done. The village has progressed very well in the competition and will progress even further with some planning and attention to detail which will gain extra marks. In the meantime keep up the good work.