

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NINE MILE HOUSE**  
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>198</b>

## **Nine Mile House, County Tipperary**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you indeed for the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. You received an in-depth report from last years Adjudicator. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress to date and should be read in tandem with last years report. The main item of importance here is that you should produce a 3/5 year plan. This need not be elaborate or expensive and could be done with the assistance of your Local Authority and Fás.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

In the main, comments made under this heading last year are still applicable. In general, business premises looked well but some, including the Petrol Station, need refurbishment. The Cemetery is being beautifully maintained and additional work on the stone walls there was noted as was the new chain link fence of the Picnic Area. You still have some derelict buildings. In this connection you should make contact with your Local Authority who, under the Derelict Sites Act, have powers to act in this situation. The small link road between the Kilcash and the main road has some lovely old stonework and is very nicely presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Open spaces on the Kilkenny approach looked very well as did the picnic area, all of which were being cut on adjudication day. Containers and hanging baskets, where presented, create a very nice atmosphere and are being well looked after. Part of your 3/5 year plan could be the identification of further areas for planting with trees and shrubs which would give you some colour on an all-year-round basis. Planting which has taken place in the past is now maturing and greatly enhances the appearance of the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There does not appear to be a particular project under this heading this year. Perhaps this is something which you might consider when drawing up your 3/5 year plan and the Adjudicator looks forward to having information on a specific proposal next year.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Nine Mile House was practically litter free on adjudication day. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring. Great credit is due to all concerned.

### **TIDINESS**

The comments made in last years report are still applicable but, in general, the village was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly the interest which most of your commercial premises and residents have in the preservation of their environment.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual houses are being well maintained. Some had lovely gardens in bloom. In a small village this too is an important part of the competition. You cannot succeed without this type of individual effort. Well done to all concerned.

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

In general road surfaces and pathways are good and are being well maintained. Approach roads were nicely presented and set a nice tone for the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Bearing in mind the amount of heavy traffic passing through the village – remarkable work is being done. Planning and attention to detail will gain you further marks in the competition. In the event send a copy of your plan with your entry form next year so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it. Most importantly also continue to maintain and improve upon the excellent work which has already been done.