

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CAPPOQUIN**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	40
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>213</b>

## **Cappoquin, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is gratifying to read that you now have a committee of 15 and that you have the support of FAS, your Schools and local businesses. Perhaps this is now the time where you must seriously consider the production of a 3/5 year plan as mentioned in last year's report. This need not be elaborate or expensive and can be done in conjunction with your Local Authority, FÁS, your local business interests or residents. The purpose of the Plan being to identify areas which can be developed for the betterment of the town and community. Consult also with your Regional Tourism Authority (based in Waterford) who has long experience of involvement in the Tidy Towns Competition. The Tidy Towns Handbook should also be of assistance to your Committee.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Many of the comments made in last year's report are still applicable under this heading. A lot of work remains to be done on commercial premises and indeed on some private houses in the centre of the town. There are some unoccupied houses and derelict sites which need attention and in connection with the latter, you should liaise closely with your Local Authority who have powers under the Derelict Site Act to deal with these matters. The Church, Community Centre, Credit Union building and the Grotto on the Mount Mellery road were very well presented and looked well on adjudication day. It is true to say also that many shop premises looked extremely well. Others were in need of refurbishment. If you have not already done so you should try to involve members of the business community on your Committee.

### **LANDSCAPING**

New landscaping at Twig Bog was seen. That whole area and its car park are developing very well. Unfortunately the area of Twig Lane is still very untidy and is not enhanced by the dumping of a derelict car. Trees and shrubs planted in the past are now maturing nicely. New planting was also noted and flower baskets and window boxes, where present, looked very well and are being well maintained. Additional planting in and near the Grotto greatly enhances that area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Glenshelane Woods and River Walk are indeed a magnificent amenity for Cappoquin and probably in its own right attract many species of wildlife. However it would be nice to have a specific project on the site and the provision of feeding tables for birds and nesting boxes is suggested.

Signage at the site is very good but perhaps some indication might be given also as to the type of wildlife which can be seen in the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The centre of Cappoquin was practically litter free on adjudication day. This is a very fine achievement in a very busy town. Unfortunately there was some litter to be seen on the outskirts of the town and in the vicinity of the Schools. Your Recycling Centre is a great addition but again, some litter was to be seen in that area. This is an important part of the competition which needs constant monitoring.

### **TIDINESS**

In general Cappoquin was presented in a neat and tidy manner. Twig Lane is the exception. However more attention could be given to open storage which detracts from many of the side streets and with some attention, could greatly improve the overall ambience of the town.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Cappoquin has many housing estates, most of which were visited on adjudication day. They are being extremely well maintained and open spaces, in general, looked well. Gardens are being well looked after and window boxes and hanging baskets, where present, also looked very well and are being well maintained. Well done to all concerned. There was however some evidence of minor littering in one or two of the estates on the Mellary Road.

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

Approach roads looked very well again this year and the cutting of grass verges seems to have improved over last year. The car park at the Sports Centre and in the Twig Bog area were very neat and tidy. Road surfaces and pathways are being well maintained and in this connection, great credit is due to your Local Authority.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This year the impression is that good work is being done on maintaining existing infrastructure and providing additional items particularly in the area of landscaping. Planning however is necessary and in the event, please send a copy of your plan when making your entry for next year so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime, well done to all concerned and keep up the good work.