

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RATHGORMACK**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	20	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	184	176

Rathgormack, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information sent on the entry form and the map which was most helpful. The continued support you receive from commercial premises, Glanbia, your Local Authority, FAS and schools is indeed to be highly commended the results of which are in to be seen in this year in Rathgormack. The information which was sent in was indeed most interesting to read. We would however encourage your Committee to produce a 3 to 5 year plan identifying what you might do from hereon in. Rathgormack has now reached a reasonably high mark in the competition. Further progress will depend on attention to detail and planning and in this connection your Local Authority and your regional Tourism Authority based in Waterford can be of help to you.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your comments regarding derelict sites and the steel works were noted. Unfortunately there does not seem to be much improvement in these matters. However, your Church, School, Community Centre and commercial premises were very well presented on adjudication day and congratulations are again due to all concerned. A very high standard of maintenance is being applied. Your stonewalls continue to be a lovely feature of the village and your comments regarding gradual restoration has been noted.

LANDSCAPING

Your tubs of flowers look very nice as indeed the floral displays at your village signs. The judicious planting of trees and shrubs which will give some colour on an all year round basis is recommended and will provide wonderful visual benefits in the future as well as helping your progress in the competition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments under this heading were also noted. However there is normally a requirement that a specific wildlife project would be undertaken, details of which are in the Tidy Towns handbook. This could be an area which you could look at for next year and in terms of your long-term planning. It will have the benefit of gaining extra marks for you.

LITTER CONTROL

Rathgormack was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Unfortunately there was some minor littering in the vicinity of the school. Nevertheless congratulations to all concerned on this aspect of the competition.

TIDINESS

The village looked very well on adjudication day and reflects greatly the awareness of your residents on the matter of their living environment. Hopefully the derelict sites and other problems will solve themselves in due course and your determination to have this done is to be admired.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses are being very well maintained as are their gardens which looked very well. In the small village this type of co-operation is very important and great credit is due to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces and pathways are being well maintained and were well presented. Some approaches to the village appear to have been trimmed and looked well. This is an important aspect of the competition as approach roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall Rathgormack looked very well again this year. The village has the ability to progress much further in the competition. There is a lovely environment and atmosphere in the village. Well done to all concerned. Keep up the good work.