

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GARRYSPELLANE**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	21	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	15	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	159	--

Garryspillane, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks for submitting completed questionnaire and accompanying map. It is encouraging to see Garryspillane as a first time entrant and hopefully success in the competition will come your way in the future years ahead. As the committee is small and workable I would suggest that you contemplate putting together a 3 year plan for the village and its surrounds. It is good to see co-operation between the committee, local authority and An Taisce. It is important that the committee get involved in the parish (Knocklong/Glenbrohane/Elton) FAS scheme as soon as possible.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The area to be judged is scattered and there is no core to the village as such. Having said that the standard of presentation of premises, both commercial and private, was for the most part quite good. Hinchey's Main Opel Dealers are to be commended on the manner in which their premises and forecourt are kept. The Welcome Inn, Post Office, private residences, farmhouses and farmyards deserve mention for presentation. Dairygold's premises is in need of painting and there seems to be refurbishment work ongoing on the front wall, hopefully it will be completed soon as it takes away from the overall appearance of the village. It is good to see that there are plans afoot to refurbish the bridges on the Ballylanders, Tipperary and Kilfinane Roads.

LANDSCAPING

It is important that the committee undertake a suitable landscaping programme for the village. Advice should be sought from a local horticultural expert on the choice of trees, shrubs and flowers that would be most appropriate to the village and surrounding area. A start seems to have been made at the directional sign on the Ballylanders Road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Morning Star River is a very important catalyst for the development of a wildlife project. It would be helpful if young people from the catchment area, who attend local schools both primary and second level, could develop a programme within this category. A survey of native flora and fauna would be very beneficial.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on adjudication day. The weekly

clean ups are having the desired effect. Congratulations to all involved as it is hard to keep litter under control in an area that is very spread out.

TIDINESS

The performance was good under this heading although there were a few areas of concern. There were a few buildings whose immediate surrounds are in need of tidying.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In your application, non-applicable was inserted under this heading. This is not so the village as a whole is very much a residential area with a number of business premises. Private residences were well maintained with both the new and established blending well together.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Tipperary was in reasonable condition, the edges needed to be trimmed. The Kilfinane Road was also a little overgrown at the edges, as was the Galbally Road, which is very narrow and needs to be trimmed regularly. Both the main entrances from Knocklong and Ballylanders were in an acceptable condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is Garryspillane's first year in the competition and there seems to be enthusiasm amongst the committee to embrace the competition in the best possible fashion. There are bound to be difficulties starting out but if the local community can be brought on board to complement the committee's ongoing efforts then I see no reason why Garryspillane cannot do well in the competition.