

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COROFIN**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	174

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for a very impressive submission complete with information on local competition. You are keeping active as a committee and in time you will bring the community with you. You do not say if you are working to a 3/5 year development plan, if not you should set about formulating a plan that would set out phased developments over the next few years.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The area round the bridge offers you an opportunity to promote extra wildlife. Contact your local I.W.C. Officer and arrange an information evening as part of your other Tidy Towns developments. When planting new shrubs give consideration to ones that will yield food for wildlife - especially in winter time. This new category is now an important aspect of Tidy Towns.

LANDSCAPING

The development of car park and tennis courts near Richmond House is very good. You now need to signpost this area - could a riverside walk be developed along here? The tree planting of previous years is well maintained. There are some very attractive hanging baskets in Main Street that enhance the village. You have scope for improvement in the core area of the village by further promoting the use of window boxes. Despite your colour scheme for the village few enough people have painted their premises in the past twelve months. However, the colour scheme itself is an excellent idea and should be pursued.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The principal public buildings looked well on adjudication day and many have been landscaped. The hotel area at the rear was well presented with freshly cut grass. The R.I.C. housing is well presented. Some shops are overdoing the signposting and should tone down. You still have a few plastic signs that are now keeping your standard limited in this section. You have built a good deal of stone walls in recent years. These are best presented when coupled with tree planting and shrubs. Stone walls on their own can be cold and a little boring.

LITTER CONTROL

The village itself was almost free of litter on adjudication day. However, you have a litter trap near the bridge and some dumping of materials here also. In general you seem to have good litter control throughout.

TIDINESS

There are many buildings and yards that are still untidy and need attention. The Golden Vale entrance is poor and the house fronting the roadside should be painted, even if it is not being used. Buildings in need of painting look untidy, so you should try and persuade the owner to improve. You should without delay remove the shabby angling map on the Main Street.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Housing is good in Corofin and many new houses and gardens excel. New housing should be landscaped and unwanted rubble and building materials removed from the site. Commercial residential buildings are well presented and this is important, especially in the village centre.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Ennis approach has a couple of poor spots that need attention. This is an important approach and sets the scene for most visitors. The wildflowers on the bridge are very attractive and should be propagated. Many side and back entrances are not keeping pace with front street development. We are now laying greater emphasis on side and back areas, so try and impress upon all concerned. The road surface near the Heritage Centre is very poor.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have done well this year and your plans for more appropriate street painting should receive your continued attention for '97. Perhaps some day, like almost all other centres, you will succeed in removing cars from the main street. The burned out car opposite the Hotel field is very unattractive presently. Well done for '96 and good luck for '97.