

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DOON**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	191	184

Doon, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your comprehensive questionnaire and very descriptive map of the Village. The map was very detailed with easily understood legends which allowed the adjudicator to identify places with ease. The level of co-operation between the committee, agencies and other local organisations is good and will benefit Doon in the long term. It is good to see the community giving financial support to the Tidy Towns effort.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are a number of very attractive traditional premises in the village of Doon and a few residents were in the process of painting premises on adjudication day. It is good to see that most commercial businesses have kept the traditional shop fronts and kept the use of plastic signs to a minimum. The Church and CBS School in Doon looked very well on adjudication day as did the splendidly kept Grotto. The following deserve mention for the manner in which they have presented their premises, "Moore's Pub" with its black, white and if I can recall properly a little red décor, "Whelans" with its distinctive greyhound and hurling motifs depicting the culture of that part of County Limerick. The Old Protestant Church now "Le Cheile" restaurant was resplendent with its surrounding walls and colourful landscaping. "Brays", "Buckleys" "Martins" and "Rainsfords" are also major contributors to the tidy town's effort. The Glasha Tallon residential complex is a bright new addition since this adjudicator visited Doon. Similarly both the Community Centre and GAA Complex are a credit to the people responsible for their upkeep. There are a few negative areas that need to be addressed especially as one enters from Cappawhite. It's a pity to see the convent boundary wall looking a little forlorn.

LANDSCAPING

The standard in this category was very good and much improved since my last visit a few years back, obviously quite a bit of thought and planning has gone into this category. The Le Cheile restaurant has a most beautiful mix of roses, shrubs and mature trees. The area at the junction of the Limerick Road has been enhanced with landscaping and a beautiful stone feature adjacent to St. Fintan's Well. Assumption Terrace and Hillview residents are to be commended for making their respective areas attractive with some colourful planting. In last year's report it was suggested that landscaping in the immediate car park at the GAA Grounds would take away the bare look, maybe a start could be made

prior to next year's competition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

St. Fintan's Well is an ideal haven for a wildlife feature and improvements by way of species identification could be put in place over future years. Enlist the help of some local environmental expert to draw up a basic programme in conjunction with both the primary and post primary schools in Doon.

LITTER CONTROL

Good to see that some local citizens are taking up the good fight against litter. There was evidence of litter in a few areas of the village. I appreciate that it is hard to be vigilant at all times. Support for the Limerick Anti-Litter campaign should be more forthcoming from members of the local community.

TIDINESS

With the exception of a few obvious messy areas around the village and its environs the standard in this category was quite good. It was good to see that some derelict premises in the centre have been painted and at least camouflaged.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Glasha Tallon is an excellent residential development in keeping with the local architecture; when it matures it will be even better. Hillview Grove and Assumption Terrace were in suburb condition and credit to the residents. St Fintan's Terrace was also quite good, some boundary walls need painting.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Their was an overall improvement in this category over the last number of years. Some issues were highlighted in last year's report. These seem to have been addressed even if not completely solved. The Cappawhite entrance was acceptable with verges appropriately trimmed and hedgerows tidy. Similarly the Oola Rd while lacking any real distinctive features was in good condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is an immense good will on the part of most residents to the Tidy Towns effort. It is up to the Committee to harness this goodwill and convert it into practical work. Doon has the potential to do even better in the competition in the future.