

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	201	191

Doon, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completed application form complete with recommended work plan and easy to use sketch map of the village.

The level of co-operation between the committee, agencies and local organisations, is as was the case last year, very good and it is certainly reflected in the way Doon has progressed over the years.

The level of effort by the committee has been rewarded by means of generous sponsorship from all sectors of the community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There have been ongoing improvements in the village since last year's adjudication such as the Glash Tallon complex which has now matured

The GAA Grounds and Community Centre are in excellent condition complemented by new stonewalls and shrub bed

The Church and Grotto were in superb condition a credit to those responsible for their upkeep.

Danaghers Funeral Home is a fine example of an old traditional shop front and whilst on the subject it would be nice to see Lysaghts frontage restored to its former self.

It is noticeable that in the work plan reference is made to a number of practical improvements that have been completed.

The condition of footpaths has improved immensely and the Graveyard and adjoining area is presented to a high standard.

The removal of a corner of the wall at Barracks has opened up that area somewhat.

The standard of presentation of both commercial premises and private dwellings is getting higher every year and premises such as the AIB Bank, Moores, Whelans and Brays are to the forefront again this year.

The Convent which is a focal point in the Village still looks a little dull but overall the standard in this sector was good.

LANDSCAPING

Some excellent planting arrangements and floral displays are to be seen around the village.

The Le Cheile once again has a 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 continuing to maintain such high standards in this category, there were some excellent individual gardens on view.

The GAA Ground has been enhanced by the addition of some new planting arrangements most notably the stone flower bed at the Doon entrance sign.

The Church and Grotto have benefited from the additional flower tubs that have been put in place.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is need for an initiative on wildlife to be undertaken using the St Fintans Well area as a starting point.

Even something simple like the provision of wildlife information board that might be sponsored by local businesses.

It is important that the committee involve the local schoolchildren both primary and post primary in such a project.

LITTER CONTROL

Limerick Against Litter posters were on display in a number of business premises.

It is also encouraging that the message of Litter Control is being advanced via the schools.

The standard of litter control is very good as there was very little to be seen on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

The ongoing effort to address issues like dereliction and untidy entrances is to be lauded.

Obviously the positive message and example shown by the Committee is being acted upon as businesses and private dwelling owners alike have taken the responsibility to paint or camouflage in some manner derelict premises.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Glasha Tallon is now maturing and was seen at its best on adjudication day.

Hillview Grove was also well presented.

Assumption Terrace, which is one of the older type local authority schemes, is an example of how to maintain a residential area; the houses, boundary walls and back areas were in top condition and were complemented by some beautiful gardens.

St Fintan's Terrace was also quite good but a number of boundary walls need painting.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

This year there was even more improvement in this category.

Care was taken that the verges and hedgerows were cut in accordance with recommendations outlined in the competition criteria.

All entrances were presented in an acceptable manner some were enhanced by additional planting.

The condition of some road signs was poor this is something that is common to a lot of villages and representations should be made to the County Council to be aware of the state of some of these signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Doon has made excellent progress in the competition over the last number of years and 2000 is no exception.

Keep up the good working relationship and continue to encourage the community as a whole to contribute to the Tidy Towns effort by way of sponsorship and practical work.