

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	205	201

Doon, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completed entry form, review of work plan and an excellent but simple sketch map of the village. The committee number seems to have decreased in the last year or so but that still does not take away from the fact that you have established excellent relationships with the local community and agencies alike. It is obviously working as the village of Doon has benefited from this type of co-operation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Doon like many other similar sized places is in the throes of expansion by way of new houses and renovations to existing properties. The streetscape is very attractive and is helped by having good quality road surfaces and well-maintained footpaths. The public buildings like the Church and grounds, Grotto and Schools were for the most part in very good condition. St Fintans Cemetery was also reasonably well presented especially inside but the boundary walls need to be painted. The GAA Grounds and the nearby Community Centre were also in very good order and a credit to those entrusted with their upkeep. Unfortunately, one of Doons oldest landmarks the old Convent Building is now looking more than a little forlorn, if not attended to it will fall into a state of total dereliction. There were a number of very impressive commercial premises and the following caught the attention of this adjudicator. Mike Buckleys, Martins, Rainsfords especially the old frontage, Moores and Doon Pharmacy and of course the very striking AIB building.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping was in the main very effective and there were examples of some very colourful floral arrangements complemented by prudent tree and shrub planting. There were a number of additional flower tubs to be seen and indeed the planting undertaken at the GAA grounds is very effective. The committee has ensured that the village is not over beautified and totally immersed in bizzzy lizzies or other trailing plants such as lobelia and alyssum. What has been put in place is just right for the village.

Special mention of the residents of Assumption Terrace and indeed Hillview who once again have their respective areas presented to a very high standard. Very good effort in this category overall.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is no mention of any proposed project in this category and I would refer you to the comments in last year's adjudication report. The committee might act on this one and try to initiate something prior to next year's competition.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard in this category was quite good. Considering that it was a weekend evening there was very little litter to be seen in the core of the village or indeed the outlying areas.

The community as a whole has heeded the message of good litter control and this is a good thing, as the younger generation will take it on aboard as well. The Competition obviously has had its desired effect.

TIDINESS

The Committee is aware of problematic areas in this category and steps have been taken to address and devise positive actions. Overall, the standard was again quite good weed growth was minimal and given that this is farming country there was very little farm related activity residue to be seen. Most premises had back and side areas tidy with boundary walls clean and generally well maintained.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category was very good. The already mentioned Assumption Park and Hillview Grove were in very good condition with a number of very attractive individual gardens and well maintained communal areas. Glasha Tallon has now matured and looks very well with all the existing houses painted and those under construction kept in a tidy manner. St Fintans Terrace has improved since last year primarily because a number of boundary walls have been repainted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard of roads was good with all entrances being cut back and maintained in a manner conducive to the conservation of various species of wildlife. The Cappamore Road has been enhanced with some nice features and impressive new houses. The Oola Road has benefited from prudent planting near the GAA Grounds. The other link roads were also presented in an acceptable manner

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The decrease in committee numbers has not affected the effort in any way this year as Doon has made further progress in the competition. The relationships forged between the committee, local community, local authority and other relevant agencies are paying off in no small way. Keep up this level of effort and co-operation.