

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2002 | Mark Awarded 2001 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 27 | 27 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 30 | 29 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 22 | 22 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 | 24 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 13 | 13 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 27 | 26 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 207 | 205 |

Doon, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completed entry form and descriptive sketch map of the village. Your comments re filling up of entry form were noted, but the only thing I would say is that this completed form gives the adjudicator an indication of what was or was not achieved in year under consideration. It is good to see that such a small committee is working well with both the local community and the relevant local authority and other agencies.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The streetscape of the village looked quite good on adjudication day and Doon has benefited in a positive way from the refurbishment of some of the existing premises and the building of new houses especially on the outskirts of the village. The condition of footpaths and road surfaces in and around the village is quite good, in actual fact there are long overdue footpath extensions on the outskirts.

The standard of presentation of public buildings such as the Church and grounds, St. Fintan's Cemetry, Schools, excellent GAA Grounds and Public Car Park was top class. There are a few derelict properties in the village and in fairness these have been highlighted by the Committee for attention in the year ahead.

The Old Convent is a building that is part of the history of the village it would be interesting to know if there are any plans to make it available to the community in some form or other. Both the commercial and private properties, with the few customary exceptions that prevail in every village and town, were presented to a high standard and credit is due to the owners for this.

Highlighting individual properties in this instance would not be fair in light of the previous comment.

LANDSCAPING

This is a category that the village scores quite well in each year and this year is no different. While there was not a dramatic increase in the number of new planting arrangements in the village, it is fair to say that the existing ones were very well maintained and in some cases refilled and revitalised. The development of the green area on the Cappawhite was noted. Some very effective and colourful flower tubs and hanging baskets enhanced the centre of the village. Also the established area around Assumption Terrace was once again in splendid condition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to note that the Committee has taken the initiative in relation to developing a wildlife project by providing nesting boxes at various points around the village. Next year might see a

further development taking place within this category.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter to be seen around the village on the day, but total dependency on the Council Worker is not the ideal solution. The Committee should continue to offer encouragement by way of inserts in the parish newsletter and indeed some form of communication with the schools of the parish. The objective of this being that individuals will take ownership of the problem within their own areas.

TIDINESS

There was some weed growth to be seen at kerbsides mainly on the outskirts, this year has not been a particularly good year for weed control measures because of the weather. Road signs for the most part were clean and visible and rust free.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Doon has performed well in this category over the years, established estate developments such as Assumption Terrace, Hillview Grove and the older St. Fintan's Terrace have been complemented by the excellent Glasha Tallon development on Monastery Road. All these areas looked well when visited, some were in the throes of repainting and indeed there were some splendid gardens on view.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard of roads was good and on par with last year's standard and in the case of Monastery Road there was a major improvement because of resurfacing and the addition of a new footpath. The other entrances were all cut back with the preservation of wildlife in mind.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Committee of six has put in a good effort into ensuring that Doon is seen at its best. There is only so much that a small committee can do on its own and it is necessary to try and gain the support of all other sections of the community.

Keep up this level of effort and co-operation.