

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ARVAGH**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	30
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thanks yet again to the Arvagh Tidy Towns Organisation for their comprehensive application form. Good to see that you have lots of plans for the future and that you are sourcing Leader and Local Authority support. This will be necessary for you to develop further the excellent work done to date. I recommend that you put into place your environmental study and management plan and then in presenting it to the local community, encourage them to take full participation in it. Having said that the local community is very obviously on your side and the collection of hanging baskets and window boxes etc. attest to local pride in the work that you are doing.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

With Garty Lake, the Arvagh Rock Road and the Holly Bank Lake so close to the town you have tremendous opportunity here. Failing your getting the Gartylough foreshore into public ownership, perhaps you might consider a nature walk from the Gartylough shore by Arvagh Rock and perhaps through to Holly Bank Lake. Your local wildlife enthusiasts will alert you to all of the potentials there. Of course Gartylough itself would make an ideal wildlife area, being on the day of adjudication abuzz with every manner of bird and bee!

### **LANDSCAPING**

This is an area that needs to be further developed. As you approach the town on every approach road could be done by way of welcoming the visitor. It was disappointing to see the excellent Three Provinces Welcome Signs obscured in most cases by high grasses. Formal planting may not be necessary in these areas but certainly they should be visible and an indication of the smart, busy town that is being approached.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

By and large Arvagh dwellers responded very carefully to the streetscapes and vernacular architecture of the town itself. Noted were Bradys Garage, the excellently presented G.A.A. Park (in marked contrast to most neighbouring towns). The Garda Barracks being repainted and the improvements in the industrial buildings on the Aughnacliffe Road. Within the town itself, the supermarket with the marvellous green facade is a good example of what your H.G.W. plan might be able to further achieve.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

On the day of adjudication, litter was not a problem in the town and you have therefore scored quite well under this heading.

### **TIDINESS**

The overall impression is that further tidiness could be achieved. For instance storage on streets, footpaths, notably on Broad Street are still a problem and the footpaths and the street paving could generally be much improved. Pursue your local authority under the newly available Urban and Village Renewal Grants!

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The terraced housing beyond Gartylough were very well presented and private houses on Drumlish Road were also noted. As noted elsewhere in this report, the overall pride in Arvagh extends into all of the private housing areas.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some improvements was noted on the rear of the streets, an area that has been a black spot in the past, Pound Street particularly was well improved, also the car park at the Catholic Church was very well planted. Your adjudicator noted a very fine mural to the rear of the old school opposite the Catholic Church and also on the gable of a house beyond Gartylough in the terrace there. This local talent for mural painting could well be used in masking some of the back areas that might not otherwise be manageable.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall Arvagh has done well yet again this year in the Tidy Towns Competition, if you put in place your management plan I believe the spirit is there to take you much further in the competition. Keep up the good work.