

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **COOTEHILL**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	29
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Cootehill is to be congratulated on keeping up its focused, determined approach in the Tidy Towns Competition, hence the good marks this year. My thanks for your excellent map and the clear instructions there on. Congratulations on your bottle banks and all the various improvements that you have seen throughout this year.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This new category which given your new access to the Belmont Estate is one should consider carefully for next year. It would give you the opportunity to put in place a wildlife path with specific information perhaps as to what can be seen. Be careful not to prettify it just make it a simple, ecological trip through the grounds of that wonderful estate.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your island planting and your round box planting together with the donkey carts and boats were absolutely charming and you are to be completely congratulated on this. Well done. This allied to comments on the residential areas make Cootehill's Tidy Towns Committee an excellent high achieving organisation!

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Saint Aidan's school and the grounds therein were very good as was the Catholic Church, Foye the Barber, A.I.B., Brady's Hotel were all noted for their very fine colourful approach and Kenny Connolly's graphics were particularly remarked upon. Black marks to Brady's Mart, but perhaps this could be worked upon. Also the way on which the bunting was so cleverly strung across such a wide street was very charming.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There were litter boxes everywhere and signs on the town on a late Summer's evening when litter might have been expected under any normal circumstances. The streets were spotlessly clean and you are to be absolutely congratulated on this achievement.

### **TIDINESS**

Obviously with such high landscaping and litter control, tidiness is an overall element within the town. Nonetheless some black spots remain, notably garages and tyre centres which for some reason do not seem to participate in your efforts. Noted also were the good pavings at the Credit Union and at the car park nearby and in the Drumlin House area, all of this is very good practice and congratulations on it.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Here surely is the high point of your efforts. The New Line Houses, the Drumnaveil houses together with Hill View Drive are absolutely exceptional. Then we discovered Griffith Avenue and Griffith Park and find that it is happening on all sides of the town. Sincere congratulations to these public authority housing estates who really are showing others how to do it. Also noted was Saint Michael's Close, a very nice development. The challenge now needs to be taken up by the small houses within the town area itself and on the side streets and back streets. These need to look to their colours and to their style to keep up with their neighbours elsewhere.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Generally the approach roads were in very good condition and you are to be congratulated. The back streets may have some signs of dereliction but all in all were very tidy and neat. The Fair Green area was notably improved so your adjudicator's comments of last year can be ignored from now on! The Drumlin House area is charming and they are to be congratulated on their clever use of sweet pea throughout the chainlink fencing. Perhaps such methods of screening could be used in other towns in Cavan.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cootehill is going places as the marks for this year's adjudication can show. Be careful of the derelict houses, particularly on the main street. These will have to be tackled sooner or later and need to be carefully watched in the interim lest they go beyond the point of repair. Best wishes for '97 and we will be watching you with interest.