

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KINGSCOURT**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	26
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	159

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

This, your second year in the Tidy Towns Competition, obviously demands further focus on the adjudication report of last year. Your marvellous Main Street with its delightful hanging baskets and flower beds is an achievement in itself. But to do well in the Tidy Towns Competition you will have to extend further and treat with equal diligence the side streets, back areas, the built environment etc.,.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This new category in the Tidy Towns Competition gives you an opportunity to garner some good marks. In addition to your tourist information sign, why not develop a wildlife route alerting people to the delights of Dunaree Forest Park or perhaps to some rural walk that would be known to yourselves close to the town area. Your local wildlife enthusiast would be delighted to offer suggestions in this area.

LANDSCAPING

The Main Street is a textbook lesson on how to landscape and that, plus the good work done elsewhere in the residential areas of the town, allow you to score quite well here. As previously mentioned in this and in last years adjudication, pay attention to the side streets. Start getting colour into them as well.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your obvious pride in your very wide Main Street and its fine buildings is self evident. It is important that you continue getting rid of plastic signs and replacing shopfronts. The telephone exchange was noted as being bad, Cabra Cars could do with some more colour; the Catholic Church was not as tidy or smart as in previous adjudication. The Fire Brigade yard is simply appalling. Can we remind you again that St. Mary's Hall deserves more colour.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication, litter was not a problem throughout the town and for this you are to be congratulated. However as will be noted in the next section overall tidiness remains a question mark.

TIDINESS

I note that you have responded to our adjudicator's comments of last year and put in train a series of local sweep ups. This is equally necessary in the Main Street where on the day of adjudication, specially along the main island down the centre of the street much street debris (rather than litter) was very visible. Please do something about this.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Fairymount Avenue was simply very, very good and a delight. The private houses on the Kells Road were noteworthy. Saint Joseph's Estate was reasonably well presented but it must be difficult to have pride in this estate with the poor quality of the road services and perhaps the local authority could address that issue. The residents could also do more. Could I suggest that a children's play area is needed in this area and might be taken on as a project by the residents. It would greatly enhance the far end of the estate, where the footpath leads back into the town.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new welcome signs were excellent and you are to be congratulated on this. It is equally important that the side roads be presented as well as the entrance roads; in this regard the Rock Road needed a lot of verge attention and weeding at pavement and gable level. The resurfacing of the Dublin Road was

in progress and hopefully this will extend throughout the town.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Kingscourt has set a very high standard for itself in its Main Street. You can do much better in this competition if you can extend that same enthusiasm out into the side streets and encourage the residents therein to be as tidy in their areas as the Main Street is obviously tidy about itself. Best wishes for 1997.