

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOUNTNUGENT**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	165

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Mountnugent and its Tidy Towns Committee are to be congratulated on the much more focused report that was prepared this year. Last years advice seems to have been taken to heart and far more accurate and sustained campaign seems to have taken place. Well done on this.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your river bank offers a marvellous opportunity and it is terrific to see you responding to it already. On the day of the adjudication work was in progress and I would advice you contact your local wildlife expert who would give you good advice as to how to proceed. A signpost from the village centre, some information pack detailing what might be found on the river bank and a natural walk by the river bank would be very appropriate. Do not over prettify it; just make it natural and welcoming to wildlife and humans will follow!

LANDSCAPING

Your village ambience is much enhanced by the very nice planted area opposite Smiths; this sets the tone for a number of other areas to be developed; for instance the banked area against the stone wall on the right hand side as you go out the Finea Road could well be planted. The stone walls at the old hall will further enhance when landscaping can be developed further.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It was very heartening to see the national school in such lovely condition and Saint Brigids and the Church of Ireland grounds both in tip top condition. The very well maintained Smiths Garage area could be enhanced with some fencing but all in all you have responded very well to your vernacular buildings. Well done on this.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication, litter control was very good and your new bins are clearly working. Well done.

TIDINESS

As you have remarked on your report, Mountnugent is suffering from bad footpaths and bad roads; this makes it difficult for you to achieve an overall ambience of tidiness and your adjudicator has sympathy. As in last year's report, keep the pressure on your County Council and your turn will come.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In such a small area it is clear that all the residents are in harmony in trying to upgrade and make beautiful, their buildings. More colour certainly, perhaps by way of paint, as was recommended in last year's report, is needed. The terraced housing on the Virginia Road was particularly noted as were a number of private houses on all of the approach roads.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads this year were much improved over last years adjudication. For this you are to be congratulated. The welcoming signs were very nicely planted around and this was excellent. A couple of words of warning: the old school on the Finea Road will become a problem unless it is taken in hand before it becomes more derelict and there are bad views behind some of the existing buildings particularly in the centre of the town. If visitors meander around your very welcoming streetscape, you must remember they may also look into your back yards!

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your adjudicator felt that Mountnugent was coming to terms with the task the Tidy Towns Committee has set itself and had responded very positively to last years adjudication. Well done and keep up the good work.