

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SHERCOCK**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	171

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Shercock's considerably enhanced marks for this year reflects your taking on board much of the advice given in last year's adjudication. This is most heartening. So often towns start with a burst of enthusiasm and fail to develop, Shercock already appears to be on its way to be a serious contender for awards within this competition. At the time of adjudication, your plan was not to hand but nonetheless it is quite apparent that a planned programme is being followed. I endorse your intention to put the plan before the community and strongly recommend that you do so in a candid fashion seeking their endorsement for the obvious improvements that remain to be undertaken.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This new category is made for you! And you have responded accordingly. The lakeside walk is exactly the sort of initiative required under this heading. Develop information signs related to the birds, the flora and fauna that can be seen. Do not prettify it, be careful of the temptation of putting in more arches etc. These are not necessary. Information about the natural heritage that is to be seen as you take this lovely walk is what is needed. Your local enthusiast will be more than helpful if you ask him!

LANDSCAPING

The excellent planting throughout the town is to be commended; this is clearly a response to last year's call for more colour and it is very much welcome. One note of advice, the builders/suppliers yard beside Tabetex could well be screened off quite simply with some planting, perhaps perpetual sweet pea or a Virginia creeper type cover. This sort of initiative to the infill site problems that you have is all that is needed to solve them.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Again the Jet Garage was excellent, the new school was noted, the health centre was greatly improved over last year, more colour was needed at Saint Patrick's Hall and the sensitive restoration of the buildings at the corner of the Cootehill Road were noted.

LITTER CONTROL

Your extensive placing of litter bins along the Main Street were noted and they are obviously well in use, litter was not a problem on the day.

TIDINESS

Overall Shercock is portraying itself to be a neat and tidy place and if you can address the infill site problems and the County Council property, problems that you have related so well in your report, then you will be marked much better in this section. Your adjudicator concurs with your concerns about the County Council properties and endorses your determination that something should be done about these.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estate opposite the Bosch factory were noted as being excellent as was much of the private residential property on the approach roads to the town. In the town itself there was evident pride with a number of hanging baskets and window boxes etc.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Our admonition last year to do something about the approach roads again was clearly undertaken. All of them were well trimmed and neatly attended to and the welcome signs noted. The back streets of the

town similarly were treated for weeds and generally were very tidy and smart. Well done on all of this.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Shercock is a town to be reckoned with! If you continue to show determination and progress work you will do even better in years to come. Sincere, best wishes. Finally a question, can the talents of Anything Goes be extended to other areas of the town?????