

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **VIRGINIA**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	25
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your previous adjudicator's delight in visiting Virginia proved to be the same again this year! Visited on a beautiful July, day this was a charming town, with a clear, focused approach to the Tidy Towns Competition and to its sense of delight in living in such a favoured place.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This new category in the Tidy Towns Competition, is particularly suitable for Virginia. The Pheasant & Partridge development at the Park Hotel, the cleaning of the river Blackwater and the beautiful shore area at Lough Ramor has given you good scoring in this section. To maintain this scoring why not propose to the vocational school that they make a project out of developing a wildlife walk along the shore with appropriate signposting and information panels. A local wildlife enthusiast is surely available to guide them in this interesting school project.

LANDSCAPING

Overall the sense of planting appropriate to the scale of the town was very evident. Lay byes and treeplanting on the Ballyjamesduff Road, planting in front of the Church of Ireland avenue etc. etc. was all most appropriate and in peak condition on the day of adjudication. Why not consider developing better the avenue from the town up through the Church of Ireland grounds. It is clearly a focal point from the main street and it might be worth giving it consideration.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The business people are clearly behind you and in this the Chestnut Tree Bar, the Centra shop, the Purgla Garden Centre, the new Credit Union building and the magnificent flower display at Sharkey's Hotel, together with the National Irish Bank and a host of other fine flower displays indicated an appreciation by the business of your efforts.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was not a problem on the day of adjudication and for this you are to be congratulated. You obviously have impacted well on the local school children and teenagers and it is paying off.

TIDINESS

With so much positiveness in this report, clearly tidiness is not a problem but you score in areas where other towns neglect, for instance the Ramor Gaelic Football Grounds are an absolutely excellent example to other towns in Cavan as to how the G.A.A. can respond. Well done to your club, but it is only one example of the tidiness of your people.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All in all the private and public housing is very well presented, notably on the Cavan Road where the lay byes and the island development planting is complemented by lovely private gardens also. One notable exception is the absence of flowers on the many stone cut town estate houses. These are crying out for more colour and it might be worth while having a competition among the estate houses of the town, encouraging them to hang baskets and to do window boxes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads this year were very good, with a very high standard throughout. The Ballyjamesduff Road together with the treeplanting and the bedding plants has paid off handsomely and the County Council together with your efforts are all to be congratulated.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Virginia is clearly a most focused town, enhancing its many vernacular and natural attributes and going places in the competition. Keep up the good work and you will make it.