

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RAMELTON**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	18
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	165

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks to Ramelton for the considerable information provided in your application and the detailed map of the town, both were very helpful to the adjudicator on the day of adjudication. Ramelton, with its very fine architecture and lovely location on the estuary continues to have tremendous potential for further growth within the Tidy Towns Competition. I strongly recommend you to put in place a development plan. The small numbers on your committee suggest that such a plan in being presented to the community would strengthen your hand. This would put on the agenda various problems that occur and which are mentioned year after year your Tidy Towns report.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Situated on the River Lennan, you are ideally placed to garner good marks in this category. Consider having wildlife information plaques put up along the Shore Road and The Mall. Such easy access to bird life and wild fowl etc. is available to very few towns and you should capitalise on it.

LANDSCAPING

Generally you are to be congratulated on the fine floral displays on many of the private houses and on the estates within the town. Road junctions and strategic corners within the townscape continue to offer further opportunity for planting. Preparing a plan would identify these and would allow you to develop them more.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As already remarked, your very fine town lay out and the many historic buildings within it must be cared for and cherished. It is good that much development within the town respects this heritage and is in the vernacular style. Among the buildings noted were Ramelton National School, The Community Nursing Unit and The Presbyterian Church together with the other churches, all of which presented, as in previous years, very well.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately, on the day of adjudication, litter was apparent in many areas of the town. This combined with inadequate litter bins is contributing to a loss of marks within this sector. It was heartening to note that you are running a schools competition regarding litter but the real trick will be to extend this into the Summer season when so many visitors come to Ramelton.

TIDINESS

As is apparent from the foregoing, with an absence of litter control, tidiness is even more difficult to achieve. This is however, about more than just litter and the number of derelict areas still present in your streetscape combined with untidy kerbsides etc. are again reducing your marking opportunities within this category. When you get this right marking will follow within this category.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residents of Saint Marys Terrace, Chestnut Grove and Lennan View are to be congratulated on the lovely floral presentations in their streets. This combined with quite a few very well presented private houses, notably on the Milford Road, suggests that there is scope within Ramelton to extend beyond individual streets and house ownerships into the public areas with more landscaping etc. Well done to the residents.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Kilmacrennan approach road was quite untidy on the day of adjudication, although the Letterkenny Road appeared very nicely finished. Flyposting marred some of the approach roads and you need to be on guard against this especially during the Summer season. The streets within the town itself, were reasonably well presented but the back areas to some of the commercial properties even in main streets of the town are neglected and need attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As was remarked in your 1995 report Ramelton has the capacity to go much further in the competition but it is essential that everyone become involved and be committed to the areas that need attention, notably litter control, tidiness and dereliction. Good luck and keep up your spirits; you can go far further with a combined community effort.