

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **COILL DUBH**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 23-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	19
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>154</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. The adjudicators appreciate the work done in the village by the members of the committee. The adjudicator also looks forward to the submission of your detailed five year work programme - in this you are going to have to address the areas outside the residential areas. Perhaps you could approach the County Council early on in the year and ask for the verges to be included in the cutting.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

On the outlying areas try to encourage more tree planting, in general. In conjunction with the children either near the GAA Park or some other location you might encourage greater nature conservation of wildlife amenities. Try to get the children to carry out projects to enhance this area.

### **LANDSCAPING**

It was good to see the pump area freshly painted, try to make a bit more of an effort with the flowers. An excellent presentation was noted at the entrance to Coill Dubh residential park particularly on the right hand side of the entrance. The area opposite the landscaped area is totally unattended to, i.e. the hedging. Grassed areas are very well maintained within the park and tree planting is coming on well.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

It was particularly disappointing to see that Woodlands Golf Course not painted, this must be tackled. The fencing could also be upgraded. Some work was noted in the area next to Grogan Meats and it would be nice if that whole complex could be improved. Some improvements have been noted in the grounds of the GAA club, in terms of the entrance. Centra could have been a better presentation with the paint on the sign beginning to peel. The wall would benefit from painting and try to sort out the surfacing immediately outside the entrance. There was litter evident on the verge opposite also. Improved shrubbery at the Community Centre was noted, well done in this regard.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is negative in a number of places, including the verge opposite Centra; at the yellow A/V sign on the left hand side approach from Woodlands Golf Club and outside the shop within the residential area. Try to encourage business premises to have more regular cleaning outside their premises.

### **TIDINESS**

Try to paint up the telephone kiosk. Some seating also needs to be painted up and try to watch the weeds. The approach roads do not create a very tidy appearance.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Hawthorn Farm was well presented. Good individual efforts were noted throughout the village. Within the new residential park more attention is needed to weeds and try to consider additional tree planting also. Within Coill Dubh Park itself and Willow Lawns (nice sign) - an excellent presentation is noted again overall this year, very neat and tidy. The adjudicator feels that it is not appropriate to single out one house over another in this park because there generally tends to be a co-ordinated and equal effort, with one or two exceptions. Try to watch the weeds along the kerbing.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

On the approach road from Rathangan, the right hand side needed more attention, whereas the left hand

side approach was not too bad. On the approach road from Naas, well presented name plate was noted but no attention was given to the left hand side verge, whereas the right hand side had an excellent presentation. Further in though, verges were totally overgrown and the road needs to be resurfaced! Approaching from Hawthorn Farm, the sign was obscured by overgrowth on the verges on the left hand side. The 30 MPH sign on the left hand side was very bad - can nothing be done to improve these approaches.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have come to a certain level in the competition where litter and tidiness constitute 20% of the marks. Obviously, if you take into account, Roads, Streets and Back areas, you are loosing out on the potential opportunities. The adjudicator look forward to the submission of your plan to try to overcome these difficulties. Good luck for 1997.