

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **PROSPEROUS**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	175

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed plan. There are some very interesting proposals in it - the adjudicators wish the committee luck in your projects. Try to submit an annual programme of achievable projects each year as this could act as your long term five year work programme. The removal of wires and the installation of more attractive lamp posts would be an added feature on the main road, as would increased tree planting. Good luck for 1997.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for increased nature conservation throughout Prosperous. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats in your catchment areas and see what species of animals, plants etc. these attract. Why not get involved with your local environments experts and groups who could advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require. Try also to include the children in this area in this regard. Perhaps the grounds of the school could be used for wildlife conservation projects also.

LANDSCAPING

Some improvements have been noted this year, but overall, there is considerable room for improvement under this category. The area that was noted by the adjudicators this year was on the northern approach road, which is very well presented and this improvement links in very much with your plan, well done! The shrubbery was very good at the pump area, with very good planting by the pole. It was nice to see flower tubs as well along by the Prosperous Parish Hall. Overall, this area is well presented. There was a good effort in several of the residential parks. At the Hand Ball Alley, try to plant climbing plants to lessen the impact of the walls. The main Clane/Allenwood approach road would benefit from more efforts.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The adjudicators would like to commend Prosperous on the development of the thatched cottage. Congratulations in this regard on overcoming a major former eyesore. There are some nice examples of premises and again, there is considerable room for improvement here. For example, Dowlings in the long term might look at the possibility of re-designing its frontage; the George Inn also was in need of improvement, renovations may have been going on here as rubble was noted the area adjacent to it. The Jet Service Station and the retail area was very well presented. It was very neat and tidy, congratulations here. Flower baskets were noted next to Finn McCarthy. Larrys was very well presented, and the premises to the left hand side of this was also excellent. The presentation of the Post Office and the terrace of houses is a major improvement as they were freshly painted - pity about the last house. Some shops have an overuse of signage and stickers in their windows and try to avoid this. In terms of the other buildings, the schools and their grounds were very well presented, as was the Church and a very attractive building was noted to the rear of the Church.

LITTER CONTROL Litter control isn't a major problem but was noted in one or two areas, for example, in the car park of Dowlings and in some of the green areas in the residential estates. Try to include children as much as possible in perhaps a Summer Litter Patrol and expanding education programmes.

TIDINESS

Generally, there is room for improvement under this category as a number of factors take from the overall appearance, including gravel and grit along by kerbside, there were weeds in some cases, particularly in residential areas. The grounds adjacent to the George Inn should be tidied up. The entrance area and

car park to the tennis court was very untidy, try to work on this for next year. Some signs also need to be replaced, e.g. Prosperous sign and the school sign. Having said that, on the road from the north and this historic area was very well presented this year, well done.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

At the first park on the right hand side on the approach road from Allenwood, the grassed area was well maintained. On the left hand side the overgrown grass could be cut back, or even locked to encourage wildflowers. The hedge to the front could also be neater. Some litter was evident at the park to the rear of the Church, but apart from this, other aspects were well presented in this park. At Corra Choill Parc, it was very well presented, congratulations here - unfortunately, small sprinklings of litter were evident on the grassed area. Good efforts were noted at St. Josephs Park. At the park opposite, more attention is needed, including kerbing of the green area. Try to ensure that all premises have name plates.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Firstly, the adjudicators would like to commend the improvement in the area by the historic centre of the village. Approaching from Allenwood, the Prosperous sign must be replaced. Tree planting was noted, try to continue this. Tree planting was also noted to the right of the thatched cottage. Approaching Prosperous from Kilmeague, there was a very neat appearance. At the 30 MPH sign, the verges were very well cut on the left hand side, helped by the good presentation outside the B&Bs on the right hand side, and the Prosperous sign had been painted up. Approaching from Naas, the verges could have been cut back to create a neater appearance - there is room for improvement in this regard. The presence of grit and gravel by the kerb side, as already mentioned, does take from the overall appearance, try to have this swept by the County Council on a regular basis.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Prosperous Tourism and Development Association are beginning to tackle the overall presentation of the town having prepared a plan of the town. This identifies areas for improvement, some of which, evidence is already apparent, e.g. down by the Post Office and also in the restoration of the thatched cottage, well done in this regard. Try to work on tidiness and improvement in presentation of buildings for next years competition and also try to encourage more use of flowers to enhance colour.