

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DRUMCONRATH**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	25
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	181

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your questionnaire and map were helpful to the adjudicator. For 1997 you will need to submit a 3/5 year work programme/plan which will highlight your plans for this period. Ideally what you should do is to pick two or three projects which are realistic and achievable for each year as this way it will yield results. Remember to keep your programme brief.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is great potential for greater nature conservation in the village. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts and groups to get involved to advise you and provide you with the specialist information you will require. The school children could also get involved as part of their studies.

LANDSCAPING

Areas such as the grotto and hall grounds were well presented. The Roman Catholic Church and grounds were well presented, although some weeds were growing on the top of the surrounding wall. Some tree planting in the village would help to enhance the area, particularly in the open area at Cannans and opposite the grotto. The grass area on the Kingscourt approach needed some attention to the shrubs and the grass needed cutting. The grounds of the community services building were well presented; some nice flowers would add a little colour.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The majority of the buildings in Drumconrath were well presented. Fergus Muldoons, OReillys, the Old Thatch were all well presented on the day of inspection. Larry Fays had a lovely shop front and should be commended. Improvements could be made to the open car parking area at Doyles garage where weeds were growing in numbers. Callans and the Shell garage area were both clean and tidy.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on the day of inspection with little or no litter evident in and around the village. Litter bins were located outside all the shops and were doing their job.

TIDINESS

The village in general appeared neat and tidy. However, on the approach from Ardee you were greeted with an abandoned wreck of a car just dumped. The scrap yard behind Doyles could be screened. Weed control was quite good in the main street. However, the church wall did have some weeds, as did the kerb side just after the junction of the Dublin/Nobber roads. More spraying would prevent this.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residents should be commended for the wonderful display of their properties. The majority of the premises had well kept gardens and displayed lovely colourful floral arrangements. De Valera Park was well presented with a nice collection of flower tubs. Everyone should be congratulated for the effort put in.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads is an area where more improvements can be made. The Ardee road is by far the best but the grassed verges were in need of cutting. The rest of the approach roads were clean and tidy but the grass verge areas also needed to be cut. Road signs on the Kingscourt and Carrickmacross

roads were not completely visible with the long grass. In and around the village the roads were clean and tidy and the pot holes on the Nobber road were receiving attention on the day of inspection.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Drumconrath is a nice little village with a lot of potential. The committee should be commended on their work to date and the adjudicator looks forward to re-visiting next year.