

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NOBBER**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	169

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your questionnaire and map were once again very helpful in getting around the village. your Committee should be congratulated on another years good work. For next year as part of the new competition you will need to submit a 3/5 year work programme/plan. This plan should set out clearly your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives. A limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is 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 animal, bird and fish is attracted. Why not invite your local environmental experts and groups to get involved to advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require. You may even like to involve the school children as part of their studies.

LANDSCAPING

The junction of the Navan/Drumconrath road has a lovely landscaped area with colourful flower bed and well kept bench. The GAA pitch at the technical school appeared very well as did the well landscaped grounds of the school. The floral bed inside the old tyre is an unusual but nice feature. Improvements could be made by encouraging the residents of Muff Crescent to look after the entrance to their road . Some additional floral tubs in the main street would also add to the presentation of the street.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The majority of the important buildings were well presented and these included the Garda Station, Keogans, Dee Local and Nobber Motors who all had put some effort into their presentation. The Post Office was also well presented with two lovely flower tubs outside. Monaghans and Centra could be improved as could the entrance to the farm yard beside Nobber motors. It is important to keep the issue of the derelict properties top of your priorities. The church and school grounds and buildings also deserve praise. The old school building could perhaps do with being painted on the exterior.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general appeared okay on the day of inspection with one or two minor exceptions specifically along the main street. The bin outside the takeaway was full and needed emptying. The owners of the takeaway should be encouraged to maintain this bin.

TIDINESS

Nobber is a quaint little village and appears relatively tidy. There are some problems with derelict buildings and your Committee should continue to look at solving this. Weed control in the main street was okay, however, weeds were evident outside the GAA ground and along the kerbside at Muff Crescent. More spraying will alleviate this problem.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residents on the Navan approach road and the road with the Veterinary Surgery should be congratulated for the wonderful presentation of their homes and gardens. Railway View was also well presented with some nice colourful floral pots. Residents of Muff Crescent could be encouraged to improve their road particularly the first house on the left which is completely overgrown.

ROADS, STREETS & BACK AREAS

Once again your Committee have done a very good job in the presentation of the Navan approach road. The Kingscourt approach road although having its verges recently cut, the grass had not been removed and was blowing around the place. The Drumconrath road and the one with the Veterinary Surgery were also nicely presented. Most of the back areas were clean and tidy with just some minor weeds on the entrance to Railway View.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is clear the Committee have put a lot of effort in this year. Keep up the good work specifically in addressing the derelict properties issue. Well done and good luck.