

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **SLANE**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	30
Litter Control	40	29
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>214</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your programme of works over the last year is very impressive judging from the questionnaire and map supplied which were very helpful. Your Committee should be congratulated for all the hard work over the last year. Slane is a very attractive village from an architectural point of view and you have certainly capitalised on this. I would like to remind you that with next years application you will need to submit a 3/5 year work programme/plan and this programme will be included in the marking programme.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You mentioned in your questionnaire that you were developing a Littlewood forest in conjunction with Slane Community Enterprises. Unfortunately there was no indication as to where or a location on the map. However your work to date on nature conservation in conjunction with your development of Murray Park and Lynch Memorial field and picnic area should be commended. The river bank and canal area is a hive of wildlife activity with birds nesting and feeding and also a variety of different species of fish. I believe there are long term plans to develop the canal and this will certainly add to the area.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your Committee have once again done an excellent job in the presentation of all the green amenity areas. All were beautifully landscaped and all of the grass areas had been recently cut. Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers and where they have been located should be commended. The new tree planting programme on the Navan road although not finished yet is coming along nicely. The stone wall finish on the Dublin Road will also enhance that area. The picnic area up at the Cemetery was also neatly presented with the lawn cut and tidy.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

What can one say about the built environment that has not been complimented before? The majority of the business premises were very well presented with one or two minor exceptions with old plastic signage. I have noted that your Committee have been pro-active in addressing this situation. Improvements could be made to the open area at the Top Tedcastle garage on the Collon road. Both churches were well presented; however, some weeds were evident in the rose bed of the Catholic Church. It would not be fair to mention any business names as the list would be quite long but suffice to say congratulations on the presentation of your premises.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control this year seemed to be well under control with one or two minor exceptions. Litter bins were well maintained and well located throughout the village. Well done this year.

### **TIDINESS**

Slane is a beautiful village and always appears tidy. Litter and weed control were well taken care of. One or two areas where improvements could still be made is the fence up at the castle gates which is in need of repair and one or two of the steel gates on Mill Hill could do with a fresh coat of paint.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are a lot of new houses being built at present in Slane - more helpers for the committee. Ledwidge Terrace, Marian Terrace, St. Ercs Terrace and Castle Hill were all once again beautifully presented. Stanley Heights and Abbey View were well presented; however some of the houses to the front of Abbey View on the Hill of Slane could be encouraged a little more. The new houses opposite the church are very impressive especially with the stone wall finish. Well done to all the residents.

#### ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

This year your Committee has certainly placed the emphasis on the approach roads. The Dublin and Drogheda approaches were by far the best. The Navan approach road had ongoing works taking place but still managed to have its verges cut and newly planted trees. It was noted that there are on-going works on the Collon approach and this has been taken into account in the adjudication. This section covers back areas as well and two areas that could do with some attention were behind the credit union and the mini market. Weeds were evident in both areas and could do with being sprayed.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

A wonderful village to adjudicate and has great potential to do well. Keep up the good work and well done.