

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TRIM**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21
Landscaping	40	29
The Built Environment	40	29
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	209

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your Committee has once again been very busy with lots of new development work having taken place over the last year. The adjudicator has noted that you are in fact working on your development plan at present and we look forward to receiving this. Remember to keep it brief, do not attempt to adopt unrealistic objectives, a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results. You nominated several premises for awards but failed to enclose photographs with the application as requested. The adjudicator has submitted the photographs but you should remember to include them next year as it saves time.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Trim is very fortunate to be located on the banks of the Boyne which is a hive of wildlife activity. Your plans to erect information plaques relating to the different types of wildlife located in your catchment areas is a great starting point. You could maybe involve the local schools or even encourage your local environmental experts to provide you with the specialist information you will require.

LANDSCAPING

Your choice of trees shrubs and flowers and where they have been sited is to be commended. Your selection of flower tubs in and around the town is also to be praised as was the old cart with a lovely colourful floral display on the Dublin Road. The roundabouts on the inner relief road were also well presented however signs for the vintage rally had been placed on all roundabouts and took away from their appearance. The Norman Pratt Park was extremely well presented and visitors were enjoying its picnic facilities at the time of inspection.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The majority of the business premises in Trim should be very proud of their appearances with traditional signage and colourful displays of hanging and window boxes. There is still a small problem in relation to some premises with old plastic signage taking away from the overall appearance of the town. Your Committee should keep up the pressure and encourage the removal of the plastic signs. The public areas such as the church, St Josephs Hospital and schools were also well presented.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter Control was well under control in the centre of the town with litter wardens actually on duty and picking up any litter. There was a minor problem on the approach roads with some litter visible on the verges and hedgerows.

TIDINESS

Trim is an extremely historic town and as such has a unique appearance with all the historic buildings and many of the business premises now adopting traditional signage to compliment the overall appearance. Improvements could be made in the removal of the vintage rally signs and more encouragement to remove the balance of the old plastic signage. In general however the town was litter free and weed control well taken care of.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of the housing estates were very well presented and residents should be congratulated for their efforts. Improvements could be made at Tower View estate where weeds and long grass were visible along the pathway. Individual residential premises in Trim should also be commended for their appearance. Estates such as Elder Grove, Avondale and Castle View were all looking well. There is an

area of waste ground in front of the new estate Swiftbrook which takes away from the area.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The town approach roads were all presented to a very high standard. The Navan approach had a beautifully presented floral bed with the name of the town and is worthy of praise. The majority of hedges and grass verges were well maintained. However some litter was evident along some of the hedge rows and more attention should be paid here.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The day of inspection was a very nice day and enjoyable to walk around and adjudicate such a historic town. Your committee and community should all be congratulated on an excellent presentation.