

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **EMYVALE**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	30
The Built Environment	40	25
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The adjudicator's call last year for a plan remains. It would benefit your own efforts if you could focus yourselves more clearly on what needs to be achieved. Such a plan gives an agenda to a community, alerts people to black spots and asks everyone to take responsibility for it. So consider this. That said Emyvale on the day of adjudication was excellent and it has clearly taken some strident remarks made in last years adjudication to heart and gone to work on it.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Mountain Water River area is ideal for a wildlife development. You have already kept it very clean and neat and now perhaps the introduction of some wild fowl and some new signed information on ecological facts of the area would be appropriate. If there is an old folks club in the village it would make an excellent project for them to undertake some feeding and introduction of wild fowl to the area.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There was marvellous colour and landscaping throughout the village. It was apparent that even from the approaches that careful planning was now paying off. The hanging baskets on Main Street were particularly impressive were the beautiful floral displays in the estates. Also noted was the very clever donkey cart in front of the building site, a great way to distract the eye!

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

A number of buildings were noted for their very impressive presentation, The Credit Union, McNeill's High House, Emyvale Leisure Centre, the contemporary houses on the corner of the Mullin Road. But perhaps most of all and in marked contrast to almost every other town in Monaghan, the Garda Barracks was absolutely wonderful looking. As was remarked in other adjudications, it is a pity that the area near the barracks along the river should be marred by what appears to be County Council storage. If it is Local Authority simply tell them to stop, you do not need this sort of problem in a tidy town.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was not a major problem on the day and you have obviously taken to heart the strong comments in last years adjudication. Well done on this.

### **TIDINESS**

There was a general air of tidiness and prosperity about Emyvale that gave you good marks within this category. Some more street sweeping would be needed i.e. not litter just residual dust and grass etc.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Oriel Park area and the Lakeside development are to be congratulated on excellent public and private space developments. Most note worthy was a garden of roses in the corner house on the Lakeside Estate. Well done on this. Private houses were also noted in the area of Oriel Park and also on the Mullin Road. Good to see the children's play area being used on a lovely Summer's evening, now bright and cheerful and ready for grassing. Well done on this.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach roads were all very good, notably the main Aughnacloy and Monaghan Roads in tip top condition. Some extra trimming would have been needed on the Monaghan Road. I loved the clever ducks and the fisherman on the riverside, this is just the sort of witty response that a Tidy Town deserves.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Emyvale really took advice last year from the adjudicator's report and has responded very positively to it. Well done. Within the new system of adjudication, you have come out very well with more attention to the wildlife issue and to the tidiness you will go very, very far. Congratulations.