

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INNISKEEN**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	28
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	189

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your excellent map as always. It is so helpful during an adjudication. Inniskeen clearly has a focused approach to the Tidy Towns Competition. It is some years since this adjudicator has visited your village and I was enormously impressed by the work that has been achieved, notably in solving problems and filling in black spots.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Fane Park of course is ideal for this purpose and for future years I recommend that you get some wildlife information on a plaque. Do not over prettify the river banks, leave them as natural habitats and encourage wild fowl etc. to come to the river.

LANDSCAPING

There was excellent bedding throughout the village at the junctions, at the lay-bys, on the approach roads and in the baskets at the Folk Museum and on other buildings. Regrettably the planting on the new wall at Ruddy's Bar did not appear to have taken.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is heartening that the developments that have taken place to date in Inniskeen have been in keeping with the vernacular architecture and the scale of existing old buildings in the village. It was lovely to see new houses, the old folks and a couple of private ones, notably the fine house beyond the Poet's Coffee Shop so consistent with the style of architecture. Take care that the old garage beside Donall Duffy's Shop does not become a problem and also try to have the shop's plastic sign changed. The Railway Bridge area has improved immensely. Hopefully the work will progress to screening the yards and to paving the car park better. Nello's as ever is charming and The Poet's Coffee Shop also looked well on the day of adjudication.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was not a major problem in Inniskeen and you are to be congratulated on this. Some residual litter was noted in the Dun Ard Estate.

TIDINESS

There is an air of orderliness and tidiness apparent throughout the village. The stone wall that has been removed is to be regretted and it is hoped that moves will be made to replace it. The Tourist Officer may be able to help in some way through the Agri - Tourism Scheme.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As already remarked the private houses throughout the village are in harmony with it and are generally well presented. A notable garden was that of the house on the junction at the Catholic Church, which had beautiful hanging baskets on the day of adjudication. Rose Cottage looked as lovely as ever. The Dun Ard Estate was well presented, but some extra tidiness at the base of hedges along the main street at the Dun Ard Estate would have been good. Perhaps the community should consider putting in a play area for the children in the Dun Ard Estate in addition to the football goal. This might encourage them to take greater control of the litter in their own area!

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The verges were extremely good on all sides of the village and it is a tremendous undertaking to see the

husbandry extend so far out the Carrickmacross Road. Congratulations. Discourage the County Council from keeping their gravel pit in front of the Marian Shrine, it is not fair to you or to Our Lady! Also noted were the nice street furniture, the painted water pumps etc., Take care that the industrial debris that is behind a hedge on the Carrickmacross Road on the left hand side as you approach the village does not become a graveyard, this would be very unfortunate.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Inniskeen has developed beautifully over the last number of years. Keep up the good work and you will continue to improve in the competition. Well done.