

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ELPHIN**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	14
The Built Environment	40	16
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	141

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the application form and for all the details contained therein. Your committee seem to be working very well together. It is good to see that you get great financial support from the local people. Start working now on your 3 - 5 year plan and submit it for next year's competition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to see that you are working in co-operation with your local authority and FAS and also that you are getting the school children to help. The restoration of the stonewalls is to be commended and they really enhance the town. Some of your open spaces could be presented to a better standard. Maybe the use of some street furniture would also help improve the appearance.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting throughout is very nice and, as the trees mature, will greatly enhance the area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many of the business premises are well presented. There is a good sense of colour throughout the town by use of hanging baskets and flower beds. The Statoil and Esso Service Station are a great improvement. Could something be done with the derelict house beside Esso and Statoil. Also the area is very overgrown and detracts from the rest of the area. Some general tidying up is needed at the co-operative livestock mart. Also the Fire Station building looks a bit dull. The newly painted school is noted. The Irish Permanent Building Society and the Bank of Ireland are nicely maintained. The Post Office and the Day Care Centre are worthy of special mention.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control generally throughout the town is good and everybody concerned is to be commended. It is so easy to lose marks under this heading, but with everybody's co-operation it pays off in the end. There was some litter in evidence at the entrance to Elphin Cathedral grounds. I would suggest that an additional litter bin be provided here.

TIDINESS

Some weeding needs to be done at the car park opposite the Church and at the entrance to Orchard Park. The sign "Orchard Park" could do with a touch of paint.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses opposite Orchard Park are a credit to the owners. The houses at Castle Street are very nicely maintained, also at Karol Ave with the exception of one or two. The entrance sign to Karol Ave looks very attractive. There are some very nice residences on the Main Street. There is obviously a very good individual effort being made here.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Castle Street is well maintained and the Elphin sign with the flower rockery looks very nice. I would suggest that if possible all approach roads should look like this. The railings at the grotto could do with a fresh coat of paint. The windmill is a lovely asset - well done to whoever is responsible.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are making great headway and the town of Elphin looked very nice on adjudication day. You have very ambitious plans and I hope you will be successful in seeing them come to life. The old Cathedral is a great amenity and tourist attraction and I hope you will be successful in securing funds for its restoration. May I wish you continued success for the future.