

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOUNTNUGENT**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	30
The Built Environment	40	25	20
Landscaping	40	25	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	165

Mountnugent, County Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Mountnugent Tidy Towns Association is achieving terrific results and are to be congratulated. You would appear to have a clear grasp of what you would like to achieve for the village and the enthusiasm to carry it through in a structured way. Congratulations on the significant increase in marks!

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both public and commercial premises were generally presented to a high standard on adjudication day. Smith's Supermarket and the Post Office were very fresh. The church and grounds were beautifully maintained and work was ongoing to the adjacent car park on adjudication day. The school looked very fresh and the grounds were well maintained. The attractive Church of Ireland with its beautifully maintained grounds in the centre of the village was greatly admired. However, its railings and gates could be freshened up before next year's competition. The Health Centre could also be freshened up especially its boundary wall. Care should be taken that the community hall on the Virginia Road and the old national school do not become a greater problem. Even a coat of paint would improve their appearance.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout the village was presented to a high standard on adjudication day. The hanging baskets surrounding the lamp standards throughout were admired. The village garden opposite the Post Office looked magnificent - very colourful and lush. And the adjudicator was pleased to note the incidental landscaped space beside the stone buildings on the Finea Road suggested in last year's report.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Mountnugent is an ideal habitat for wildlife of all types with its fine mature trees filled with rooks, swifts and swallows overhanging the roadside, and its stream running through the centre of the village. This area with its simple presentation and wealth of wildlife including yellow bog irises and birds was quite delightful. The adjudicator was somewhat concerned as to the nature of the metal pipe on a concrete plinth adjacent to the stream. Perhaps the local school children could get involved and compose a project based on the wildlife in their locality.

LITTER CONTROL

The village performed reasonably well under this heading. However, one or two papers were noted on the Virginia Road.

TIDINESS

Weed control was a problem in certain areas, such as the forecourt area of the old national school (which also sported a

broken window), the boundary walls of the two storey cottages on the Virginia Road and the kerbside between the school and the village. A couple of overgrown weedy yard areas were evident along Main Street - beside the bridge and to the alley way beside the Church of Ireland - that should be cleared up. The sign of the Bridge Inn was missing a couple of letters. Perhaps the oil tank to the rear of O'Beirne's could be concealed by means of a timber structure with a creeper growing up it. The boundary wall in this area was also very grubby.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses throughout the village and along the approach roads were presented to a high standard. The residents of Mountnugent obviously show great pride in their properties. The gardens along Virginia Road were particularly magnificent, in particular the cottage gardens. One or two of the houses could be freshened up, however. The gardens beside the school on the Old castle Road were also admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads leading to the village looked very welcoming on adjudication day with their colourful floral displays at the village nameplate signs. The verges had been roughly cut, however, and the dead grass had yet to be removed. Care should be taken to ensure that hedge cutting does not disturb the birds during nesting time. The wild daisies and roses in the hedgerows along the Finea road were greatly admired. Road signage was a problem at the speed limit signs on the Finea Road and the Virginia Road and the directional signs in the centre of the village were quite grubby.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village of Mountnugent looked quite charming on a warm June day and was a delight to visit. It was presented in a simple but effective and unobtrusive way. Your hard work is paying off and the village should do very well in the competition in future years.