

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MIDDLETON**
County : **CORK**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	195	191

Midleton, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The five year plan together with the schedule of your objectives submitted to the Tidy Towns Committee is noted and acknowledged. If the Committee continues to work to this programme and schedule progress will be made in the competition for the future. For a town of its size it is considered particularly useful to have appointed a Sub-Committee to monitor overall progress on the plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

This is an old town and the fine buildings throughout contribute substantially to its overall image. It is therefore of extreme importance that architectural advice is sought in any plans for the future presentation of the towns streetscapes. The church buildings and school buildings are very well maintained. The restored library premises look quite impressive. It is noted that this building in particular features in your future plans since it has important historical links with the post first as a Market Home and subsequently as a Town Hall. It is suggested that an appropriate plaque be placed on the building outlining its historic background. The Midleton Snooker Club premises detracts considerably from this area of the town.

LANDSCAPING

Your objective in obtaining balance in this aspect of your plan is noted. Whilst it is important to have colour by way of flower beds etc. it is important that a planting programme should make provision for more long-term effect. The tree planting which has been carried out along the river bank is a good development but some high grass and reed growth in the immediate vicinity would need to be attended to. The nature parkland in the vicinity of Aras Cuimne an Pearsaig is a valuable asset to the community. The large flower beds on the Youghal road give much colour to this area. Also in this area the old type water pump has been made into an attractive feature amid colourful flowering plants. The flower bed at the monument near the Courthouse is very attractive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

In this aspect of the towns development the sloblands at Bailick Park will be a very valuable asset. It should prove to be an attractive asset for a number of wildlife species. Obviously in the implementation of plans for the parkland sloblands a general tidying up of the area will be required. Incidentally an interesting aspect of the plan for this project is the involvement of Transition Year Students - this participation in the project could be very important for the future. Provision should be made for the sign-posting of

this park and slobland.

LITTER CONTROL

The provision of litter bins is an important first step in the control of litter. It is considered that additional bins should be erected throughout the town. There was a considerable amount of litter in the slob area of Bailick Park. Again the involvement of schools in this aspect of your programme is a particularly good idea.

TIDINESS

There was a good level of tidiness throughout the town generally. The entrance to Midleton G.A.A. Field and buildings were particularly tidy and well maintained. The area in the vicinity of Filling Station, the Bottle Bank etc. were quite tidy. The Pitch and Putt Club and nearby public park were very tidy. A number of alley-ways opening off Main Street should need to be tidied up e.g. new E.S.B. and An Post premises.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are several very well maintained residential areas throughout the town and residents obviously make a very good effort in this regard. Residential areas such as Elm Grove and Elsinore are very well maintained. Also the older residential areas of Mc Sweeneys Terrace Ardan Mhic Suibhne and Ardan Cluain Molt were considered particularly attractive. The residential premises at St., Marys Terrace were beautifully presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main approach roads to the town have been very well maintained again this year; the Youghal approach was best maintained. Grass margins were well managed and tidy. Equipment in the childrens play area across from Archbishop Mannix Place would need to be repaired. In general the main streets and minor streets of the town were quite well maintained. Thomas Street was magnificently presented.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Commencing on a five year programme your Committee and Community are pursuing a productive line on this important towns development. If the programme is adhered to for the duration it will prove to be successful and enhance the town and its environment considerably.