

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LEITRIM**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	17
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>170</b>

## **Leitrim Village, Co Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Leitrim Development Association are keeping the Tidy Towns competition alive and well in Leitrim Village. A lot of work has been done on the village but mostly on an ad hoc basis. This year a simple 3/5 Year Plan was sought from each Tidy Towns Committee. This is a good idea for the Leitrim Development Association as it will focus their minds on the activities they should be undertaking in relation to the competition. The village has a lot going for it as it was obviously the beneficiary of a village enhancement scheme. It was a lovely road surface, with some nice paving and stone walls. Most of the services are underground, particularly in the centre of the village. The Shannon/Erne navigation starts here. It is small and compact and should be easily managed. Leitrim Village should look forward to the future with confidence. Thanks are due to the committee for returning the questionnaire and map.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Many of the commercial buildings are of a very high standard. Those to catch the eye were Carthy's; Donnellan's; Leitrim Inn and the Barge, all of which were brightly painted and many had nice floral displays. The Mace building has a lot of clutter in front of it. St Joseph's Church was well presented, with cut stone walls and nice grounds. There is some building material in what one presumes is the car park and hopefully this will be completed for next year. Please get rid of the red truck body which is very obvious here. The Leitrim National School is well presented; however, there is some dereliction in the area. The Post Office is as last year unobtrusive; however, the house beside it appears to be empty and neglected. The recommendation regarding the Maxol Service Station fencing replacement still stands.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The small park with its shrubbery bed and treeplanting on the way to the marina is very nice. The marina itself was also well presented with its stone wash rooms and toilet facilities. There is also some nice tree planting on the west side of the bridge. This is marred by the rather untidy area surrounding it. It is in sharp contrast to the opposite side of the canal which has a lovely green area and seating. The yellow pump, the trees, seating and stone work at the Keadue junction are charming. The display of wooden flower tubs, hanging baskets and flower boxes is a credit to all concerned.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There were a large number of ducks being fed on the western side of the bridge by a tourist. A small sanctuary no doubt. We look forward to your plans under this heading for next year, as there appear to be a number of habitats in and around the village.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The litter situation in Leitrim Village showed an improvement on last year. Continue to maintain this standard and work towards further improvements.

## **TIDINESS**

There was some rubbish dumped on the left hand side of the Drumshanbo approach. Some building material was dumped in the field on the left of the Keadue Road. Some unsightly sheds were noticed opposite the Church and there is the perennial dereliction at the Keadue Road junction.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses on the Drumshanbo approach and the Carrick approach are extremely well presented. Doherty's has a manicured lawn and excellent treeplanting. Some of the houses on the Carrick Road are also brightly painted, with lovely floral displays. Many of the houses in the village have excellent presentation with gaily painted houses and nice gardens.

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

The approaches were all reasonably well maintained. The verges on the Carrick Road had all been trimmed and the treeplanting was admired. The verges on the Drumshanbo Road had also been trimmed, however, grass cuttings has not been removed. The same applies to the Keadue Road. Treeplanting on the Drumshanbo Road is excellent, however, as last year, the paved areas and the picnic areas need attention. The road to St Josephs Church is also well maintained.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Great commitment from the Leitrim Development Association. We look forward to receiving a work programme and wish you luck with your endeavours. Well done!