

Tidy Towns 1997

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MANORHAMILTON**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	23
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	19	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	14	12
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	5	4
TOTAL MARK	300	142	136

Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Seven people on your Tidy Towns Committee for a town the size of Manorhamilton is small. The centre of the town has nice road surface and lovely paving. The street lamps were much admired. The environs of the town are quite extensive and as last year it is strongly recommended that you prepare a plan which would set out detailed objectives for any building and open spaces. A simple 3/5 year development plan is now required of each Tidy Towns entry and such a plan would prove beneficial not only to the Tidy Towns Committee but to the entire community. We look forward to this next year. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the questionnaire and the map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many of the public buildings are well presented. The R.C. Church is a fine building with lovely grounds. The Methodist Church and the Church of Ireland were also impressive. The North Leitrim Glens Visitor Centre is also worthy of comment, both for its interior and exterior. The Garda Station and the Social Welfare Office need attention, particularly their boundary walls. The Health Centre is a nice stone building. Our Lady's Hospital and grounds were most attractive. St Clares Community School and grounds are also worthy of praise. However, the lettering on the school walls needs to be repaired. The Hall on the right of the Carrick approach is somewhat neglected looking. Some of the Commercial premises looked well and amongst those to catch the eye were The Granary, Co-Op Shop, Central Bar, A.I.B. and the Post Office. The old stone building on the left of the Sligo approach appears to be empty. Much more could be made of this. The Castle Heritage Centre is outstanding. Dereliction is a problem throughout the town, though it is nice to see the development of houses on the Carrick Road.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping by FAS on the fairgreen should be a boost to your Tidy Towns endeavours when it is completed, as will the completion of the development of the flower beds on the bank at the housing estate opposite the F.C.A. building. The County Council Office has a lovely rose bed; however, the fountain and seating beside it really need attention. Aras Breffni has a lovely garden, and there is a magnificent hedge on the Sligo approach. The floral displays by premises throughout the town were nice but more could be done. The green area on the Bundoran Road junction is completely overgrown.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your interest in wildlife appears to be confined to hedges, trees and green areas. The suggestions, as in last year's report, are still relevant. The Owenmore River and its environs would be an ideal wildlife habitat. You should try and devise a nature trail to

complement your proposed Riverside Walk. This trail could identify habitats and the flora and fauna of Manorhamilton. It should be included in future development plans.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter bins are excellent. There was very little litter to be seen in the town centre. The area surrounding the Bee Park had a scattering of litter. Litter was noticeable inside the park near the gates, and also in car parks at the fountain near the Council Offices.

TIDINESS

The main street was well presented with a neat and tidy appearance. The road to the town centre has a most untidy appearance. Back gardens and the rear of buildings are most unsightly. The dereliction on the Carrick Road may be coming to an end with the building development which is taking place (as already mentioned). The corrugated sheds and cladding in the vicinity of the creamery leaves a lot to be desired. There is a lot of dumping and weed growth in the car park on the road to the Church of Ireland in spite of the nice stonework. The Bee Park gates are rusty and weedy footpaths and kerbs need attention, particularly on the approaches. Dumping was very noticeable to the right of the Market House.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The estate opposite the old school building was a mixed bag. As last year, there were some gaily painted houses with well maintained gardens and nice boundary walls. However, some of the other houses had poor presentation, particularly at the lower end of the estate, although there appears to be an effort to provide some kinds of children's playground in a field here. The housing estate on the left of the Sligo road has a terrible road surface. Otherwise houses on the approach road had lovely presentations with nice lawns, boundary walls and lovely floral displays.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Sligo is well presented with rimmed verges (except for the weedy footpaths and grass growing at the bridge). The I.D.A. Industrial Estate had nice treeplanting and grounds and the road is set off by the nice hedge. The Northern approach also looked well; however, open areas opposite the bridge could be tidied up. Weedy footpaths here also at the base of the stonewalls. Rossinver Road had good verges and nice treeplanting. The verges had been cut on the Bundoran approach, but grass cuttings should be removed. The Carrick approach has well maintained verges and nice planting. The picnic area on the right hand side is completely neglected.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There appears to be a lack of community spirit in the town. The business and commercial organisations should become more involved. Lets see what your plan produces. Keep up the effort.