

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	22	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	159	--

Newtowngore, Co Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Firstly, welcome back to the Tidy Towns Competition after an absence of three years. There is now a new marking system in operation and the categories have also changed. The entry form was incomplete, and it appears that no planned approach by the Newtowngore Development Association is not following a planned approach to their Tidy Towns effort. It is requested that a simple development plan outlining the Tidy Towns Committees activities to be undertaken over the next 3/5 years be prepared in conjunction with the Community and Leitrim County Council.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church of Ireland and grounds looked well. The Newtown Inn with its flower tubs and hanging baskets is also worthy of comment. However, the car parks needs resurfacing. Nice pavements were noted but litter was noticeable in the vicinity. The hall on the left of the Ballinamore approach looks well, as do the small building and grounds behind the telephone kiosk. Kiernan's sign needs attention. The Post Office and Tir na nOg have excellent presentations, but are marred by the unsightly sheds beside them. The forecourt at Lunney's garage is untidy. Glen Prince textiles was noted, with nice tree planting and stone walls. The untidy sheds on the Ballinamore approach should be tidied up. Some houses in the town also need freshening up. The Mace building has some nice hanging baskets but shop supplies should not be on the pavement.

LANDSCAPING

There was a wonderful shrubbery bed on the left of the Ballinamore approach. Nice displays of flower tubs and seating were noted at the Post Office, Tir na nOg and on Killeshandra Road. The stone walls and stonework throughout the village is lovely. However, there is a lack of treeplanting and the approach roads with their stone walls is an ideal area to start.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new section in the competition. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats in your catchment area and see what species of animals and birds they attract. Why not invite your local environmental expert to advise your group on this matter.

LITTER CONTROL

Newtowngore was practically free from litter on adjudication day. However, some litter was noticed at the car park at Newtown Inn and on the approaches. Only one litter bin was seen on the Carrigallen approach.

TIDINESS

Whilst the centre of the village is relatively tidy, some houses and

commercial premises could be freshened up. As already mentioned the stone work throughout the village is a credit to all concerned. However, poor road surface and footpaths and grass growing on footpaths is regrettable. The new paving should be continued throughout the village. It would also help considerably if services were put underground.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses on the approach roads and in the village are well presented. The display of brightly painted houses, with nice lawns, lovely floral displays and shrubbery beds is eye-catching. They are setting an example for others to follow.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads in general were extremely well presented except for the Killeshandra approach where verges were poorly presented. The stone walls are a great feature on these roads. The tree planting at Richardsons on the Carrigallen Road is beginning to mature and is screening the sawmills from view. Please extend this to cover the mass of cut trees which are the highlight of this approach. The tractor yard on the Killeshandra approach also need screening. The lane beside this has a broken wall.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A good effort this year. Get a plan working for the Tidy Towns. Keep up the good work.