

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **REAGHSTOWN**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>186</b>

## **Reaghstown, County Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The plan provided is well presented and sets out clearly the aims and how to achieve them. Each area of category is dealt with adequately and this plan will pave the path to all further improvements. Plans do not always work out exactly as may be wished. An annual assessment of progress will help to adjust plans and keep targets focused. This is a lovely little village and a credit to the 150 residents of the village. The work achieved seems more like that of a population ten times greater.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church dominates the village and the fine railings with an historic link makes them all the more interesting. All the houses in the village are so neatly presented and carefully maintained. The cemetery is very neatly cared for and the window boxes at the entrance give a nice effect. The Danny Boy Public House is well presented though a little attention to the car park is needed. The Post Office is a delight. Old farm Machinery and the attractive turf filled cart add further to the village.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Church grounds are meticulously maintained. The landscape achievements at the picnic area on the edge of the N2 are a credit to the committee. Flower borders and containers contribute well to the appearance of the village. Individual gardens are important in the overall beauty of the village. The trees along roadsides are progressing well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The proposal for a walkway is a very worthwhile one. It is hoped that this project will be able to proceed. With all the hedge cleaning it is important to strike a balance between retaining some natural vegetation in the hedgerows and scouring the hedges completely.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There appears to be a very good system of litter control in the village.

### **TIDINESS**

The entire village presents a very tidy appearance. All public areas have a clean and neat state.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual gardens play a very important part in the overall appearance of the village. The well maintained gardens on the approach roads, in the village and in the small housing estate make the village a very tidy place.

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

Attention to detail seems to be the motto in Reaghstown. The approach roads have been carefully cared for and the work involved is admirable.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This is a very pleasant village. A delight to turn off the busy N2 and find such a tranquil well cared for village.