

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BATTERSTOWN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	--
The Built Environment	40	23	--
Landscaping	40	26	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	28	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	17	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	174	--

Batterstown, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the competition. You have obviously been very busy. It is wonderful to see such a community approach and interest in your village. This is understandable with the changes that are occurring in the surrounding towns bringing an increase in cars through your village each day. The adjudicators would like you to compile a 3-5 year action plan for the village which would set out your objectives under each of the adjudication headings and what needs to be done to achieve those objectives. It can include much of the information supplied with the application form which was of great use to the adjudicators. The map provided was also of great use. Well done in having the foresight to use expertise in the community e.g. horticulturist/ architect.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Caffrey's looked exceptionally well and had a magnificent floral display. This was also carried through to the carparks - well done. O'Brien's stores was in the process of being painted on the day of adjudication. Some window boxes/flowers would look well at McGowan's. The Church and graveyard were well presented as was the school which has some nice planting. It is great to see the involvement of the school children in the Tidy Towns projects. The GAA clubhouse looked well though a dead tree required removal in the corner of the carpark and there was a scattering of litter. The front wall also required a coat of paint. There were some weedy areas around Morris Oil.

LANDSCAPING

The village was generally well kept. However, some grassy areas could be cut back better. Perhaps a small arboretum of native trees or shrubs could be considered for the grassy area opposite Church View.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A wildlife survey of the village and surrounding areas should be drawn up. The use of particular plants and shrubs can encourage wildlife which they use as a habitat and food source. Birdtables, information signs as to the inhabitants of hedgerow habitats could also be considered.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was practically litter free - well done. However, some more litter bins are required in order to keep it this way.

TIDINESS

The village itself was generally tidy. However, unkempt verges and hedges that required cutting back gave an untidy appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses in the Glebe and Church view were well kept. Some very nice gardens - well done.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road to Dunshaughlin required cutting back - selective cutting should be used to encourage the growth of certain native flower/plant types. The signpost was obscured by vegetation. The road to Maynooth also required cutting back. The road to Trim was reasonable. The grassy area at the fork up to the graveyard could be used for some planting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Batterstown is a lovely village. The adjudicators were delighted to read of the possible traffic calming experiment that could be put into operation. Keep up the good work. The adjudicators look forward to seeing all your plans implemented.