

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ENFIELD**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	185	181

Enfield, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application form and map. I presume, given its condition, that the project plan was a draft. There are some fine ideas here including the introduction of new fauna and flora to the canal. Please seek advice from the Wildlife ranger before you proceed. The plan also reaches out as far as Rathcore, Rathmoylan and Jordanstown churches. The elements relating to the Tidy Town should be set out and prioritised with problems and potential assessed. Well done in your work so far this year and good luck with the plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The commercial premises of Enfield were generally well presented and painted. There was nice planting in front of the Shell garage. The Garda station looked well though the tub required watering. The Mace Convenience store was fine although it looked a bit cluttered with so many bits and pieces outside it as was the Texaco Shop. Careys gift centre was well painted. The Credit Union, the Early till Late Supermarket, The Midland Bar and Flatterys, Dixon's Victuallers all looked well and the Statoil station had some nice planting. Bank of Ireland had some litter in its grounds; perhaps some hanging baskets would go well here. The Bed and Breakfast cottage was well presented. West Side Cafe had a lot of floral displays. Enfield GFC was well maintained. The pump on the Dublin road was well kept.

LANDSCAPING

The plants used require high maintenance and may not give good displays if the weather is inclement. One colour planting/complementary planting makes a greater impact and native species are preferable especially for ground planting. There are a number of trees, which should be maintained e.g. side shoots should be cut off and weeds at bases should be removed.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The area beside the canal is excellent - some information boards would be welcome. There was, however, a scattering of litter down at the bottom of the steps beside the canal. Other wildlife areas should also be considered. Has a survey been carried out in the area - perhaps in conjunction with the schools - you would be surprised as to what type of wildlife, both fauna and flora, would be evident.

LITTER CONTROL

The town was reasonably litter free with only a few bits seen. There was a nice stone litterbin in Glenidan which is commendable. Nice black litter bins which were well painted are also commendable. The Irish Times litter bin opposite the Edenderry junction should be removed as it is dilapidated. The litterbin in Banefield was full and required emptying. Some litter

was noted outside the ESB.

TIDINESS

Tidiness was reasonable though verges the required further cutting back on approach roads. This detracted from the overall tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Banesfield untidy, with some litter and weeds. The amenity area at the back should be planted perhaps for wildflower meadow. Some nice planting was noted opposite Banefield. Glenidan was good although grass could have been cut back a bit more. Quite an amount of new housing was in progress - it is difficult to make a judgement on these until they have been completed. All new residents should be made aware of the tidy towns. There are a lot of young trees in the new development and these need to be managed. Delamere was well kept although more trees could be considered to enhance the estate.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approaching Enfield from the Mullingar side, there was good signage. Well cut back petunias are not a good choice of flowers. The Trim road had no weeds or litter - work was being carried out here and the gates were being painted at the amenity area. There was lovely planting, although the plants used such as roses, require high maintenance. Clematis along the fence of Westwear looked well. A few potholes on the Trim approach road required attention. The stone troughs for flowers on the Edenderry road badly required attention. The sign requires cleaning off and some building material needs clearing away. There was nice planting on the Dublin road although it requires high maintenance. A lot of litter was in evidence in the lay-by on the Dublin road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Enfield was looking well on the day of adjudication although it was as busy as usual. Perhaps a traffic calming experiment could be considered for the town. Now that there are an increasing number of residents, the road will hold increasing danger with speeding cars. The use of Irish is encouraged in the competition and this should be remembered when erecting signs/boards.