

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KENTSTOWN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	32
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	184	178

Kentstown, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map that were useful. Thank you too for the Leader 11 proposal. This will provide a good basis for the development plan for the village. It is interesting to note that a leaflet is to be produced on the village. The calendar is also a good idea as it generates an awareness within the local community. The plan for the woodland sounds very exciting and the adjudicators await its development in anticipation. The list of architectural and heritage features is very rich in nature.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

More attention is required for the pump. Kentstown Food market well presented although it had quite a few bits and pieces outside it. O'Reilly's Garages is well presented but climbers up the trellis area are required. The Church is well presented as is the cemetery with its stone wall. The Grass around the pump needs to be cut back further. The school itself is well presented. Kentstown Hall was well kept. The tennis area needed its fencing repaired, although it was otherwise tidy.

LANDSCAPING

New planting at the cemetery is well looked after although it must take time to maintain. Annual planting can look well if maintained though shrubs have a greater year round effect. The landscaping and flower planting was good although it was of a type which requires high maintenance. There are several green areas that could be cut back. Further tree planting could be considered. The area beside the telephone box could be maintained better as could the area behind the pub. Planting along top of the wall at McGuire's Pub is commendable as are the hanging baskets. Quite a bit of naturalised planting was noted towards the Drogheda road. Some nice stone walls were in evidence. The Old Protestant Church was really well presented in a sylvan setting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The plan for the woodland is highly commendable and looked forward to. The area must be abundant in both fauna and flora. Different types of flowers are needed around the Lions Mouth; those that are there are not thriving. It is such an asset to have such an area from Coillte.

LITTER CONTROL

No appreciable litter was in evidence in the estate or in other parts of Kentstown - well done. A couple more litter bins would help to keep this good record.

TIDINESS

The village appeared generally tidy on the day of adjudication.

However, some additional grass and margin cutting would create a more tidy approach to the village. One election poster was spotted and should be removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general, the residential areas were well kept. The small housing estate was well presented. Houses were also well presented on the Navan approach road although more attention to weeds is required. There are also some nice stone walls.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The sign on the Navan road is obscured and the grass needs cutting back. Lovely wildflowers were noted in the hedgerows. Some of the walls in the estate require repainting. Grassy areas around trees require cutting. Speed limit signs require renewal. The Drogheda road requires some hedge cutting and a small margin cut on the verges.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A nice village that has the potential to perform well in the competition. Well done on the work carried out in the past year. Further tree planting would enhance the village and the surrounding area. Set out objectives as to the type of planting you wish to have in the village. Annual plants take a lot of maintenance.