

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NOBBER**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	174	169

Nobber, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your clearly written questionnaire and map which were useful. The adjudicators still await a 3/5 year plan which should set out a limited number of achievable objectives. There are a large number of areas of interest in and around Nobber and these should also be taken into consideration.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Nobber Motors had some nice hanging baskets and was well presented. The church railings needed repainting as did the wall and railings of the old national school. Well done with the restoration work of the stone walls and buildings. They look well. Dee Local was very nicely presented with some lovely floral displays and a traditional front - obviously Meath supporters with the colours of the petrol pumps!! The Garda station looked well although it could be brightened with some plants. The Fire station was also well presented. It was nice to notice some Buddliaea bushes nearby - they attract butterflies. The GAA grounds, the Ceard Scoil and the library were well presented. The larger school was exceptionally well presented and there are some well planted areas. The Village Supermarket could consider more traditional signage if it considers infrastructural changes in the future. The pump on the Drumconrath road requires a coat of paint.

LANDSCAPING

The sweep of trees and shrubs coming into Nobber from the Navan approach road makes a nice impression. Premises varied with their presentation of floral displays. Colour of presentation does make an impact and should complement the colour/type of building - e.g. orange/yellow type flowers would suit the colour exterior of Cute Cuts rather than pink/purple. Tree planting over the years has to be commended. The adjudicators could not pinpoint the landscaping carried out from Caseys forge to the New Health Centre.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Motte is of great heritage significance and a project involving the interpretation of this would be welcome. It is important that any work carried out is sympathetic to the town - i.e. all information boards should be wooden and reasonably discrete. The school children could be involved in this as part of a transition year project. There are also a number of other areas of archaeological significance in the area and these could be part of an overall area project based in Nobber.

LITTER CONTROL

There was a scattering of litter on the evening of adjudication. The litterbin outside the Fire station was full. Additional bins could be sited on the street and in the residential areas and each area should take the responsibility for maintaining them.

TIDINESS

The village appeared quite tidy and there was little evidence of weedy gutters, weeds around trees/pole etc. Weeds did need to be removed from the edge of the bridge and the fact that grass needed to be cut back and weeds needed to be taken out of the gutters on both the Drumconrath and Kingscourt road did create an untidy appearance outside the main street area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses on the Dublin road were well kept. Weeds needed to be removed from the entrance of Muff. The presentation of the houses at Motte View was good and Railway View sported someone fine hanging baskets and was tidy. The eyesore was noted and the adjudicators look forward to a better future for this building.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads differed significantly in their presentation. Grass needed to be removed from the area around and leading up to the approach road sign on the Kingscourt road. Weeds needed to be removed from the gutters on the Drumconrath road. The Navan approach road looks very well and congratulations on your continued maintenance of this.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Nobber is a very pleasant village and has a number of important buildings as well as a great heritage. Greater attention to approach roads and a co-ordinated approach to planting taking note of indigenous rather than exotic plants would help the village progress further. Well done on your recent work.