

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INNISKEEN**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	20	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	198	189

Inniskeen, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Inniskeen has an idyllic setting and has developed its amenity and literary potential to the maximum. Well done. You have again performed well this year and have been rewarded with an increase in marks. The adjudicator was highly impressed with the overall presentation of Inniskeen which was adjudicated in a most pleasant and relaxed environment. Attention to detail is now required to expedite further progress. Thank you for the entry form and comments - these were most useful during adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The adjudicator was pleased to note that you now have the co-operation of the ESB and this will obviously enhance the presentation of Inniskeen. Buildings in general were presented well, including Churches, Round Tower, McNello's (very impressive in presentation), Poet's Coffee Shop and Magee's. The Kavanagh Resource Centre is worth a visit and the interpretation is expertly presented. Well done. Do remove graffiti from the School and telephone kiosk - totally unexpected in neat and tidy Inniskeen. The new Credit Union Office is tastefully presented and eye catching fitting nicely into the streetscape. The old garage beside Donal Duffys Shop is still losing you marks under this heading.

LANDSCAPING

The adjudicator is pleased to report progress under this heading. The choice of trees, shrubs, flowers and where they have been sited are to be commended. Hanging baskets and colourful window boxes are also an impressive feature of Inniskeen. The river walk and pitch and putt course are facilities of high amenity value and blend nicely into the landscape. The car park and floral exhibits also caught the eye. Your commitment to landscaping is most admirable.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Give this a priority for next year. A good starting point is the nearby river - identify the wildlife habitats of its catchment area and what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. Your local environmental experts will provide you with the specialist information to achieve progress under this heading. A school project would also help to get your started. As a tidy towns committee you have an important role to play in protecting and enhancing the wildlife value of your community.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was much admired on the day. However, discourage dumping in the river, at the bridge near the Round Tower.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of Inniskeen was one of tidiness with a well

cared for environment. Strict litter control, colourful planting and well maintained properties were major factors in this regard.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Dun Ard Estate, Deery Terrace and new cottages near the Credit Union all looked well. There are some lovely individual properties on the approach roads, all with nicely maintained and colourful spacious gardens. The grounds of the Parochial House were also noted for their presentation. As suggested in last years report the community should consider putting in a play area at Dun Ard Estate - this should be away from the green area in the centre of the estate.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were presented to a high standard with the Carrickmacross Road deserving special mention. The Patrick Kavanagh Country Trail signposting is very well presented; however, some directional signposting needed to be freshened up. Street furniture had a well cared for appearance. The use of natural stone for boundary walls in some areas was noted and is highly commended. At all times do pay attention to boundary walls and forecourt areas where weed growth can easily develop. Good to see that the gravel in front of the Marian Shrine was removed - well done.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As already mentioned, attention to detail is now of priority. This should not be a problem as with all sectors of the community involved you should be able to delegate specific tasks. A review of your progress to-date will help to identify priority projects. At all times work closely with your County Council Engineer and Tourism Officer; both can offer you invaluable advice and guidance.