

Tidy Towns 1997

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TYDAVNET**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	20
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	17	16
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	6	7
Litter Control	40	23	20
Tidiness	20	10	8
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	13	12
General Impression	10	5	4
TOTAL MARK	300	136	124

Tydavnet, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Village Enhancement Work Programme (1997-2000) provides you with a real focus to achieve progress in the competition. Now that you have this plan in place you will need to prioritise your work programme and delegate projects to sub-committees. Your relationship with the local authority and community is obviously well established and this will benefit you greatly in the implementation of the Village Enhancement Work Programme. The adjudicator says thanks for the application form and support documentation including the map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church, School and Cemetery were presented well. The Murals were eye catching with good all round presentation. You still have problems with the grounds of the Community Centre and the derelict garage. Access to the old graveyard is most disappointing. The Woods Forge looked well. The cart wheels were an attractive feature; however, do repair the plaster work. An improved performance under this heading has been rewarded with an increase in marks.

LANDSCAPING

Some improvement was noted. Well done. The management of open areas require further attention, particularly in the area of the pump. The greater use of flower tubs, hanging baskets and window boxes should be encouraged - tree planting will also improve the presentation of the village under this heading. When planting, do refer to the guidelines included in the Village Enhancement Work Programme.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Under this heading you need to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area - in this regard you should engage the advice and guidance of your local wildlife expert. Do give serious consideration to providing information signs and developing a nature/historical trail. A good starting point would be the old graveyard which is in urgent need of tidying up.

LITTER CONTROL

The general appearance of the village was one of tidiness supported by a relatively litter free environment. Litter control requires an ever vigilant community and your weekly clean up is supportive in this regard. However, do improve the presentation of litter bins and replace bins, where necessary.

TIDINESS

A big improvement under this heading was noted by the adjudicator. However, greater control of weed growth at kerbs and at the base of boundary walls is still very necessary. The support of individual property owners is also very necessary to

create a clean and tidy environment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Another good performance under this heading with most private houses well presented. Nice gardens were also a feature.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads looked well on adjudication day. However, verges need to be trimmed on a regular basis and storage outside premises should be discouraged.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your initiative in commissioning A Village Enhancement Work Programme (1997-2000) demonstrates a fresh approach on the part of Tydavnet Tidy Towns Committee. This is most welcome and will require a high level of commitment on the part of the community. Stay with it and develop a sustained effort - well done.