

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **EDENDERRY**
County : **OFFALY**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	184	179

Edenderry, Co. Offaly

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Edenderry is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed questionnaire and sketch map, these were helpful for adjudication. Next year you should furnish us with a copy of your planned work programme. This does not have to be a professionally prepared document; it can be prepared by committee members by doing a survey of the town, making a list of all the projects they feel they would like to tackle over the next 3/5 years and determining the date by which each project will be completed. This ensures a co-ordinated approach to the development of the town rather than an 'ad hoc' one. The main features of the Edenderry townscape are fine wide streets and fine examples of Georgian architecture. Work accomplished for this year's presentation has been significant and will continue to make its contribution in the future as long as a high level of maintenance is achieved. Do send us in a copy of the official guide to historic places for next year's competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

We look forward to the completion of work at the Town Hall in the square. There are some fine examples of good shopfronts, including the Medical Hall, the Potters Wheel, Irish Stationery Supplies and Services and An Tuan Cistin. Keep up the effort to have plastic neon fascia signs eliminated from shopfronts.

LANDSCAPING

The walls of the GAA park were beautifully landscaped and look very well. Try to encourage the owners of commercial properties along the Kinnegad road to landscape their areas which interface with the public road or path. The main street and the square offer further opportunities for landscaping as the wide streets here can accommodate tree planting. Some landscaping at the Williams Waller property would improve this area greatly. Perhaps the walls located across from the nameplate on the Dublin entrance to the town could be planted with a fast growing climbing plant to soften its impact as an interim measure until they are demolished and the site redeveloped.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Trees planted along the canal banks are maturing well. A wildlife survey of the town and its immediate environs is suggested as a baseline study on which to build future wildlife projects. Wild flowers could be featured on the grass verges of some approach roads. Look for opportunities to develop a wildlife garden (See Enfo Leaflet No. 21).

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good throughout the town in general. The only weak areas are mostly around shops, Take - Aways, Newsagents etc. A lot of litter was also noted in the canal harbour.

TIDINESS

The Williams Waller property and its immediate environs are grossly untidy. The entrance to the town from the Dublin road is disappointing with the high number of underdeveloped sites which in their present condition and by their nature are untidy in appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new residential development on the Tullamore road looks promising. The style of these bungalows is most attractive; no doubt their roadside edge will be completed to a high standard. Tree planting along footpaths in the Greenwood development is maturing well. Residents here should be asked to maintain their boundary walls/fences/railings to a higher standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The major approach roads to the town are beautifully landscaped with neatly trimmed grass verges. The bilingual signs are most effective. As noted above some entrances are disappointing. Do try to keep the beautiful bridge on the Rathangan road free from weed growth at its base.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Edenderry is a town with some very fine features. With a co-ordinated input by the community the town could be very successful in the competition.