

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MOUNTNUGENT**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	16
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	9	11
Residential Areas	30	18	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	22
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>184</b>

## **Mountnugent, County Cavan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The high standard of all round presentation achieved last year has not been improved upon. Of concern to the adjudicator was the poor condition of the roads in the centre of the village - this is a major obstacle to progress and is seriously downgrading the appearance of Mountnugent. Footpaths are also presented poorly and require immediate attention. The excellent support you receive from the community deserves a more positive response from the local authority in relation to footpaths and road maintenance. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and map - most helpful on adjudication day.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Commercial buildings in the village were again presented well this year and many of the recommendations contained in last years report were implemented. The Church and grounds were again presented well and the adjoining car park was looking much tidier. Smiths and the Post Office have maintained their high level of presentation and the Church of Ireland also looked well - as mentioned in last year's report the railings and gates need re-painting. The presentation of Community Hall and Old National School is still disappointing - improvements to these buildings will improve your rating under this heading.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping is a very strong feature of your work programme - all planting and green areas were presented very well - the colourful garden opposite the Post Office is most attractive. Prohibit car parking in this area as it is obstructing the view. Do improve the presentations of hanging baskets and window boxes - well done.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The very rural and riverside setting of Mountnugent offers many opportunities for the development of wildlife habitats and nature walks as visitor attractions. Engage the support of the local school in identifying wildlife habitats and having them signposted. The river bank could be developed better as an amenity area with improved seating, picnic table, litter bins and orientation map etc. The potential for progress under this heading is very obvious. Seek the advise of ENFO in this regard.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was almost no litter in evidence on adjudication day - congratulations to all. Do improve the presentation of litter bins.

## **TIDINESS**

Mounthugent has a pleasant and relaxing environment and the tidy appearance of the village is a contributing factor - pity the poor conditions of the road surface in the centre of the village which has lost you marks under this heading. The sign on the Bridge Inn is still missing a couple of letters and the need for up-grading of directional signposting is a matter of urgency. Checkout on a regular basis boundary walls for weed growth - this problem was noted at the National School and also at the very well presented cottages on the Virginia Road. These minor problems can easily be rectified - all that is required is attention to detail.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most houses were very well presented with some having colourful gardens. The cottages out the Virginia Road were much admired. A good performance under this heading has been rewarded with an increase in marks.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The colourful floral displays at the village nameplates again looked well and are a welcoming introduction to the village. Verges were being trimmed on adjudication day and a neat and tidy appearance was developing as a result. Do improve the presentation of signposting and encourage the greater use of natural stone for boundary walls as was in evidence near the Community Hall on the Virginia Road. The stone bridges are a striking feature of the village and should at all times be free of weeds.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Progress is steady and community participation is very strong - you must have the full support for the local authority if you are to expedite progress in the competition. Your 'achillies heel' at present is the poor road surface and untidy footpaths.