

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **WILLIAMSTOWN**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-98

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1998 | Mark Awarded 1997 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 31 | -- |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 25 | -- |
| Landscaping | 40 | 24 | -- |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 | -- |
| Litter Control | 40 | 25 | -- |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 | -- |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 15 | -- |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 21 | -- |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | -- |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 174 | -- |

Williamstown, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Very interesting plans are in place, and their fruition will be greatly looked forward to in due course. For the time being, the works necessary for the implementation of the improvement scheme for the village centre are very much in evidence, and this has been taken into consideration so as not to give an unfair assessment.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The great achievement this year has been the completion of the conversion of the old school for use as a community centre. Prominently situated at the bend of the road as you approach Williamstown from Roscommon, this fine limestone structure has been sympathetically restored and is much more pleasing to the eye than many new purpose-built halls. Elsewhere, the fine modern Romanesque church is very well maintained, and the business premises are neat and inviting. The school is well kept. It is a pity that one of the buildings in the unique crescent is in need of reinstatement - perhaps that is on the future agenda.

LANDSCAPING

The proposed new park will be looked forward to; one hopes it is not too far outside the village to achieve maximum impact and usage. Young trees bordering the main road are doing well. Incidental planting throughout the village is attractive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your proposals were welcomed by the previous adjudicator, and implementation will be looked forward to. An interesting and useful school project might be the identification of all native flora and fauna.

LITTER CONTROL

There were only small amounts of disposable litter in Williamstown on adjudication day. Congratulations.

TIDINESS

Of its nature the work proceeding in the village centre, both in the public space and at a private residence, makes it impossible to assess this category adequately this year. The remainder of the village looked very tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Street houses are well looked after, though in one or two places, such as the gable of the house next the church, some freshening up with paint is needed. Newer homes, and those on the edge of the village, are well kept, with pleasant gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The resurfacing of the main street by the local authority has been a major undertaking. The new footpaths look extremely well, and will look even more so when the redevelopment of the Square is completed. The school road looked as if it was being prepared for resurfacing. Approach roads are good; wall building and the new footpath on the Roscommon road are excellent. Verges on the Dunmore road from the 30 mph sign were not entirely trim on adjudication day. The Williamstown sign on the Glenamaddy road needs repainting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A pleasant village, at present undergoing considerable redevelopment.