

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **OMEATH**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	22	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	17	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	166	--

Omeath, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The map provided was very helpful in identifying all the sites. However, as suggested in 1996, a 3-5 year plan is needed to set out your objectives and the projects you wish to achieve each year. You have indicated that a plan was being drawn up at the time of application and we look forward to receiving details of this with next years application.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the main business premises in the village are well presented. The Granvue Guesthouse, Howes Lounge Bar, Tain Holiday Village and the new Dolmen centre are presented to a good standard. The new stone wall along the sea front is an attractive feature. The Dolmen House development is nicely finished off. However, some buildings would benefit from painting and tidying up, especially the several derelict properties in the village.

LANDSCAPING

As already mentioned, the new wall at the sea shore is very attractive, as are the stone flower beds along the sea front by the Granvue. The small park opposite is well maintained. The church and school grounds are very well presented with a good choice of shrubs and plants. The planting along the wall at the new graveyard is an attractive addition to overall appearance of the road. St. Judes shrine looked exceptionally well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Seaside areas have an abundance of interesting shore life and bird life. As previously suggested, perhaps the committee could look at providing environmental information boards to interpret the various species of flora and fauna found in this habitat. Involving the local school children and environmental groups is a good idea.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the centre of the village is quite good. However, the bin outside the VIVO Shop was overflowing at the time of the inspection, with litter having spilled onto the ground around it. Some litter was also noted in front of the new wall at the sea shore. This is an area where vigilance is always necessary.

TIDINESS

There are unfortunately quite a few derelict sites around O'Meath village. As noted before the location of two caravans opposite the Ranch House detract from overall appearance of the area. The

centre of the village appeared generally neat and tidy and St. Judes shrine was extremely well tended.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small estate, Ardan Gentilli, is well maintained with attractive flower beds and hanging baskets. Individual houses and gardens can greatly enhance the overall presentation of the village. Granvue, Delamere House and Laurel Lodge among others show the contribution residential properties can make to achieving a pleasant environment.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges on the Park Hotel side of Omeath were all uncut at the time of judging. This unfortunately contrasted rather badly with the Carlingford approach road which was very well presented. Name signs could benefit from cleaning and upgrading. Back areas can easily become neglected and a constant watch is needed

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A lot of work has been done to improve the presentation of Omeath over the last couple of years. With the help of a new development plan, the committee will be able to focus more clearly on what they wish to achieve in this pleasant sea side village, in the years ahead.