

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **REAGHSTOWN**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-98

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1998 | Mark Awarded 1997 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 34 | 34 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 26 | 25 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 25 | 25 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 15 | 15 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 30 | 29 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 14 | 12 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 26 | 26 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 197 | 193 |

Reaghstown, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The 3 year plan and map submitted give an interesting history of Reaghstown and outline clearly the objectives for the coming years. The plans are realistic and if implemented will improve the village. Each year a review of the plan should be made and if necessary you can amend your aims as time passes. The committee are to be commended on their good work since 1992 and with only 150 residents, it would seem that everyone in this community has an important role to play in the Tidy Towns projects.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The housing in the village is well presented. The Church and graveyard are maintained to a high standard. Wall building is a good project and enhances the attractive appearance of this little village. The Post Office is quite charming. The Danny Boy Pub is nicely presented but the low wall to the front and the car park require some upgrading. Signposting to some of the interesting sites near to Reaghstown might be a project worth considering for the future.

LANDSCAPING

The picnic area at the turn off from the N2 is beautifully presented and a credit to all concerned. It was nice to see this facility in use on the afternoon of the adjudication. The new picnic ground beside the Danny Boy is also presented to a high standard. The flower containers and pump opposite the Danny Boy and to the front of the car park looked very well. The car park itself would benefit from more planting to the sides and front. The church grounds were immaculate, the tubs of flowers on the pavement in front and the little turf cart added to the pleasant scene. Further planting to strengthen the hedges and more tree planting where possible would be of value.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stone walls and white thornhedges around the village can provide a great habitat for wildlife. The importance of retaining mature trees and hedgerows cannot be overemphasised. Shrubs of the berried variety are very valuable to wildlife. The work on the scenic walk from the Danny Boy is underway and will provide a worthwhile facility when completed.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the village and on the approach roads was very good. Some litter was noted at the picnic ground just off the N2,

which shows that this is an area always requiring vigilance.

TIDINESS

In general, Reaghstown has a neat and tidy appearance. Some attention to the surface of the Danny Boy car park would enhance this appearance further.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small housing estate was presented to a high standard as were the individual houses and gardens around the village. The charming house and garden adjacent to the new picnic area was noted. It is evident that the residents in Reaghstown take great pride in the appearance of their homes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads to Reaghstown are maintained to a high standard. Grass verges are well trimmed with weeds under control. The good condition of stone walls and hedges adds to the pleasant approach.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall this is a well cared for little village and a pleasure to visit.