

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **EMYVALE**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>206</b>

## **Emyvale, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map, they were very helpful. Your partnership with local bodies, businesses and community organisations is admirable and showing great effect. As mentioned in last year's report, you are requested to include a proposed long-term work programme for the village as part of the competition entry. A concise 3/5-year plan outlining achievable targets for the committee will help focus your work in the future. The committee is obviously thinking along these lines already having outlined some future plans for the village in the questionnaire.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The presentation of both commercial and public premises in the village was once again excellent. The Leisure Centre, Dispensary, Garda Station and Credit Union, were all well maintained and presented and enhanced with lovely floral features. Pay close attention to maintaining open spaces. Removing excess window stickers, and posters and possibly replacing plastic signs, would further enhance the streetscape.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Both the landscape features and trees on the approach roads were well cared for, and attractively presented. Trees throughout village were well chosen and maintained, but the young trees at the turning point near the Playground need some support and attention. The flower bed on the Mullin Road looked well, with a good mix of colour and content to last the whole year round. The landscaping in the area around the Silver Hill Plant also looked lovely on the day of adjudication.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Last year's comments still apply. The lakeside area was very well maintained, except for the fences which need a little attention. The riverside area was also very well cared for, the grass was cut, and the river was clean and free from debris. There are still plenty of opportunities for further suitable developments, to utilise the meadow areas, watersides, trees and hedgerows in these two sites. This adjudicator acknowledges that the committee is continuing to develop both sites.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was some sporadic litter in evidence on the day of adjudication on the main street and in the children's park. Litter bins were evident, but perhaps the committee should consider changing the design of the litter bins next to the busy commercial

premises. These bins were full, and exposed to birds after a busy weekend. Considering the village's location on such a busy main road, the committee's efforts are to be commended, but they must maintain their vigilance.

## **TIDINESS**

The overall impression of Emyvale was one of general tidiness. The attractive landscaping and well-maintained premises contributed to this impression. The adjudicator noted the wooden fence to hide the derelict prefabricated building in the main street. This could be developed further with some simple foliage cover. The adjudicator was surprised to find an old drum and exhaust pipe by the factory entrance on the Mullin Road. There was some weed growth at kerbs and walls in places throughout the village. Last year's comments still apply regarding the County Council depot. This area remains an untidy eyesore.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many houses throughout the village and including Oriel Park, and Lakeside Park developments, were very well presented, with attractive hedges, lawns and flower features. The beautiful and colourful flowers in some individual gardens were again noted. Well done for the hard work to those responsible. The new housing development looks very attractive, and this adjudicator hopes that the contractor will take due care with the access and final presentation of the development.

## **ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The new roadworks / footpaths were noted and will further enhance the presentation of the village. The area around the back entrance to the Silver Hill property on the Aughnacloy Road needs attention. The slow traffic sign needs attention, as do the hedges that block the accident black spot sign. Other signs in the village need their paint work refreshed, and the hedge close to the new house on the approach to Oriel Park also needs to be trimmed around the important slow traffic sign there. Otherwise, the approach roads looked well, with attractive ornamental features, colourful flowerbeds, and were nicely maintained.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This adjudicator acknowledges that Emyvale is located on a very busy road, and commends the committee for their continued hard work and enthusiasm in developing their village. Regarding your comments in the questionnaire, other entrants have encountered similar funding difficulties. Using their Development Plan to demonstrate their intentions, they submitted appropriate grant applications to relevant bodies, involved their local authorities, and/or organised some fund-raising activities in the local community. Thank you for the copy of Heritage Map. Keep up the hard work and we look forward to your Development Plan which will direct your committee towards greater success in the

competition.