

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TYDAVNET**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	22
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	19	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	6	6
Litter Control	40	25	23
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	13
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	148	136

Tydavnet, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed questionnaire, map and supporting documents, they were very helpful. It is good to see many aspects of your plan taking shape. Your working relationship with local bodies, community organisations is to be commended and showing good effect. Continue your education programme with the young people in the area, as it an important aspect of your committees work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Once again the Church and School were well presented and maintained with attractive grounds in each. The Murals and plaques were both interesting and nicely presented. It is good to see the community acknowledging this unique aspect of the area's history. The Wood Forge looked well, with a nicely presented garden area. Similarly the Post Office and Pub were also tidy and well presented. It is good to hear that the Community Centre is kept busy with activity, and the new development will provide a good opportunity to improve the presentation of this focal building and surrounding grounds. The Old Garage and Graveyard entrance has been transformed. Well done to those involved. The Graveyard itself also needs to be tidied. The committee has acknowledged that there is still scope for some further development in this important area in the centre of the village, and we look forward to seeing further results here next year.

LANDSCAPING

The Committee's continued efforts in this area are noted.. Well done. The Pump area looks well, and gives an attractive first impression of the village. The tubs and flowerbeds also looked well, enhancing the streetscape, with a good mix of colour and content to last the whole year round. Attractive landscaping and tree planting will further enhance the village, for visitors and residents alike. Pay due consideration to planting beds that will provide colour and content throughout the year, and work closely with relevant local bodies who will give you guidance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There are many opportunities for enhancing and conserving wildlife habitats and the environment in the village area. Open spaces, grass and meadow areas, ponds, and trees and hedgerows all offer opportunities, for nature trails and sites. Perhaps a wildflower meadow or nesting boxes in the school grounds would be appropriate as would be the involvement of the children in the development of this important area. Work in conjunction with relevant local bodies, or a local wildlife expert to develop this area.

The adjudicator acknowledges the committee's plans for a Woodland Garden in the year 2000, but the more immediate developments at the old Graveyard or Community Centre might provide additional opportunities.

LITTER CONTROL

There was virtually no litter evident on the day of adjudication. The committee and general community's litter control measures are proving effective, but everyone must remain vigilant in this important area. Continue to encourage this point in your education programmes.

TIDINESS

The overall impression was one of general tidiness. The refurbishment of the old Garage area has greatly contributed to this. The committee has correctly acknowledged that weed control, maintenance and the individual efforts of householders in the community are important factors in this area. The future developments planned in your work programme will also contribute greatly to the overall presentation of the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the houses were well presented with attractive hedges, lawns and colourful flower features.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general the approach roads looked well, and it is good to see the hedgerow facing continue. Some verges still need attention. It is important to keep approach roads tidy as they set the first impression of the village. Hedges and grass verges can be kept tidy without compromising the wildlife. The Cemetery lane and Car Park area looked well on the day of adjudication.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The work programme continues with good effect. The work to date is a good advertisement for your committee. Continue to foster your relationships with the local authorities and agencies who can help you with advice and funding. You are progressing steadily. Keep up the good work.