

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LEITRIM VILLAGE**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	25	23
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	178

Leitrim Village, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The development plan mentioned last year has not been seen as yet. You would find such a plan helpful in identifying your own objectives, and in laying out a scheme for improvements on a simple year by year basis. Next year, a map should be included in the space provided, marking all the sites where improvements have taken place. It is unlikely that we will miss them but one wishes to be sure.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The main buildings of importance, the Church and School, are very well looked after. Some of the business premises are pleasing to the eye, though it is a pity there are still so many mass-produced and plastic signs. The number of unfinished or derelict buildings in proportion to the total is very high. (This could also be noted under Residential, below.)

LANDSCAPING

As remarked by last year's adjudicator, the landscaping of the Marina is very good. The same applies this year, though the quay on the north-west corner of the bridge is weedy: a solution might be to sow grass and wild flowers and not to try to keep the gravel clear of weeds at all, as boats do not to moor on this bank. The grounds of Church and School are very pleasantly planted. The sculpture area on the road from Drumshanbo is once again most attractive. Verges are trim, but some of the wooden tubs did not seem to have been planted this year and looked rather pointless.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to read that you have reserved land as a wildlife sanctuary. Leitrim village is very well positioned for such an enterprise, and it will be eagerly looked out for next year.

LITTER CONTROL

Congratulations, especially to the children who do the work. There was a further improvement this year. On the day of adjudication, there was a small amount of litter in evidence, this is a national problem which needs continual monitoring and your litter control is certainly a step forward.

TIDINESS

Vacant houses do not make for tidiness. It is hoped that some of those at present unoccupied will be in a more

desirable condition next year. While the car park in front of the Church was very neat on adjudication day, the one to the side was weedy. Over use of poison in some places leaves dead brown grass or weeds, which can be as unsightly as the weeds themselves. The little stream which descends to the Marina on the north east bank of the river, could be cleaned and tidied - it is what boating visitors first see as they approach the village here.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Although vacant houses stand in some places cheek-by-jowl with well kept ones, the latter are fortunately the more conspicuous. Among the houses most admired on adjudication day were the blue and yellow house on the north west of the bridge, and the brown and white one on the north east. Many newer houses have excellent gardens. It is hoped that the new housing development under construction in the Church road will be appropriately landscaped on the waterway side.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main road passing through the village is well surfaced. Other roads are adequate. The public toilet was well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A lively colourful village, which, in spite of some persistent dereliction, presents a lively face to roadway and waterway.