

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BATTERSTOWN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	192	183

Batterstown, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is most encouraging that Batterstown has maintained its momentum and continues to improve. Your folio of photographs and progress reports indicate strong community support. The map was helpful to the adjudicator.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and its grounds are well presented. The school is satisfactory. The Credit Union is an attractive small stone building. Caffreys again looks well but the adjoining buildings require attention. The Village Pump shop is colourful but has rather too much clutter. The gravelled area at Tony McGowan's needs attention.

LANDSCAPING

The closely cut wide grass margins on the two main approaches, the mature and more recently planted trees on the approach roads and in the village add considerably to the appearance of Batterstown and indicate a high level of community involvement. Landscaping at the housing estates is also noteworthy.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Well planted gardens, mature native trees, berried shrubs etc. are all important habitats. The school children in the village should be involved in identifying suitable wildlife habitats in and around the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control continues to be very good. On the day of inspection a litter warden was at work.

TIDINESS

The village has a tidy appearance brought about by an absence of litter, weed free paths and well presented buildings.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses are well presented - Church View, Rathregan Court and the Glebe with landscaped entrances and well maintained public grassed areas. The bungalows are attractively secluded by the high, well kept, boundary

hedge.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The wide grass margin on the two main approaches is maintained to a high standard. The village name signs in Irish are praiseworthy. The footpaths are weed free and street gutters are swept. The well presented wooden fence at the Church was noted. A number of weedy gravelled areas need attention. The well planted tubs on the Trim road are too small to make an impact especially when located on wide margins.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Keep up the good work. Pay more attention to detail. Don't overdo features. Marks from now on are likely to be much harder to obtain.