

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ENFIELD**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	187	180

Enfield, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The detailed entry form, your development plan and the extensive and interesting portfolio of photographs are a testament to your interest in the Tidy Towns Competition and also are a good indication of the progress Enfield has made. The village looks the better for the large scale development work that has taken place in recent years. However, the growing volume of traffic is a major problem and is threatening to choke the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings, houses and business premises in the town look well with many colourfully painted such as the Hotel, Pubs, Restaurant, etc. The new frontages and bright colours contribute considerably to the appearance of the main street and the on-going renovation of shop fronts and business premises is increasingly showing results. However there are still several premises that could do with a face lift and there are many unsuitable signs.

LANDSCAPING

There are several noteworthy landscaping features in Enfield. The planting along the canal again stands out, the steep banks on the canal present considerable maintenance problems. The landscaping at entrances to housing estates, e.g. New Inn, is of a high order. Shrubberies and flower beds at the E.S.B., Filling Stations, entrance to the Railway Station are other attractive features. The planting at the traffic calming measure on Dublin Road looks well and the comments in last year's report about the presentation of the Trim Road still apply.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The canal is a magnificent amenity and an important habitat for a variety of wildlife including water birds, insects, fish and aquatic plants, etc. However access is becoming increasingly difficult due to the large volume of traffic.

LITTER CONTROL

In spite of the huge volume of passing traffic which is a significant contributory factor to litter, litter control remains reasonably satisfactory. However there is no room for complacency as small amounts of litter were noticed on the approach roads and in the town centre.

TIDINESS

Enfield has reached a satisfactory standard under this heading. New road and footpath surfaces, well marked parking bays, maintained grass verges and margins as well as well-presented buildings gives the town a cared for appearance. However the standard of presentation of the main street makes the unsightly wire-scape stand out all the more.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As has already been mentioned New Inn housing estate is well maintained and presented and so is Glenidan. Mayfenrath is under construction but the planting at the entrance is attractive. The housing estates on the Dublin road are satisfactory and would look even better if the grass could be cut more often.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Enfield has greatly benefited from the new traffic measures. The new road surfaces, road markings, footpaths, black and gold iron bollards in the village centre and on the Dublin/Galway road are a big improvement. Hedges and margins on all approach roads are generally well maintained. The mature trees and well trimmed and simply presented grass margins on the Edenderry road are effective. At least 3 large advertising hoardings in the village should be removed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Traffic causes huge difficulties for Enfield, crossing the road is now even a problem. A by-pass is the only long term solution.