

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KENTSTOWN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	189	186

Kentstown, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Kentstown is a well presented village and shows obvious signs of individual and community effort, e.g. condition of grass verges, presentation of buildings, etc.

It is hoped that plans for the village will soon be available which would give added focus to your efforts and that the problem of the location of the regional dump can be satisfactorily resolved. The points in your entry form were noted and the map was helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Maguires pub is an interesting and well presented building. The stone walls at the cemetery, pub car-park and housing estates add to the overall standard of presentation. The Church is in good condition and looks well. The garage and its surrounds need to be upgraded.

LANDSCAPING

The mature trees on the approach roads together with the more recently planted trees indicate that you recognise the importance of planting. The Church is attractively framed by the mature trees. The well maintained wide grass verges and hedges on the approach roads and in the housing estate are other attractive features. The margins of the green require better definition, kerbing would considerably improve the appearance of this green. The planting of screening trees especially on the side road at the security fence of the Garage would be a big improvement and there is also the opportunity to plant more trees, for example in the grassed area of the housing estate. Flower beds and planted containers were noted in several locations.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The small stream is an important habitat and could be made more of a feature of. Native trees, berried shrubs, hedgerows etc. are also important. There is an opportunity to involve the school children in identifying various habitats in and around the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is reasonably good but requires on-going attention. A scattering of litter was noted round the school, on the side roads and in the housing estate.

TIDINESS

The village has a well cared for look. The condition of approach roads, buildings etc. all help. The wire-scape especially around the green is a negative factor.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are many well presented houses and gardens throughout the village. Many maintain grass verges at boundaries to a high standard. However, several weedy gravelled margins and entrance areas were noted. The lengthy low stone wall and flower bed at the entrance to the housing estate is attractive and the well maintained grassed areas are praiseworthy.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As has already been mentioned the condition of the various approach roads is generally good. However the road surface need improving especially around the junction. The stone village name sign in the green is a nice feature.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village continues to improve. Hopefully the development plan when it is published will give added impetus to your efforts.