

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NOBBER**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	21	23
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	183	179

Nobber, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Nobber is continuing to progress with several improvements noted since last year. The preparation of a development plan should now be a priority. The Tidy Town hand book is an invaluable document and contains a great deal of useful advice. The village now looks the better for the work carried out in recent years. However attention to the basics, e.g. litter control is now more important than ever. Your map and work programme were very helpful and the points in your entry form were noted. Hopefully Nobber will be included in the Village Renewal Scheme.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are several attractive two-storey houses in the Village especially in the vicinity of the Church. The public buildings are in good order and well presented including the Church, Schools, Hall, Library, Garda Station, etc. Keogans and Dee Local set the standard for the business premises. A derelict building was noted in the side street near Garda Station.

LANDSCAPING

The wide grass margins and hedges on the lengthy Dublin approach are well kept. Trees are a good feature. There are a few mature trees in the pavements in the village centre and they contribute considerably to the appearance of Nobber. There is scope to plant additional trees in the centre and these would further enhance the Village. The landscaped surrounds to the Church, O'Carolan Park and the entrance to the large car park adjoining Keogans and the Library also make an important contribution to the appearance of the village. Flower tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets are also effective. Your plans to upgrade the Milk Stand are noted. The tractor tyre should be removed without delay. The landscaping at the O'Carolan School is good particularly the impressive shrubbery which cloaks the steep banks. The gravelled parking area at the GAA grounds is weedy.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Mature trees, berried shrubs, well planted gardens are all important wild life habitats. Schools can play a part in identifying other habitats in and around the village. The provision of nest boxes for example should be encouraged.

LITTER CONTROL

There appears to have been a considerable deterioration under this heading. The village now has quite a serious litter problem. A scattering of litter was noticed along the Dublin approach, at the cemetery boundary wall, in the car park at the College, in front of the Village Café and was trapped in considerable quantities in the corner at the Garda Station. A much greater effort is needed by the whole community to tackle the litter problem and should be one of your main priorities.

TIDINESS

Litter detracts from improved standards of presentation under other headings such as attractive approach roads, well maintained buildings, etc.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses in and around the village are well presented. Many have well planted gardens. O'Carolan Park, Railway View and Muff Crescent are all attractively landscaped. However several houses especially on the Dublin road need to pay more attention to boundary areas. Several gravelled margins need weeding and long dead sprayed weeds are unsightly in several locations.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are well tended especially the Dublin road with its well trimmed wide grass verges and lengthy stretches of clipped hedging. Planted trees were also noted. The other approaches are also satisfactory. Road surfaces need improving especially on side roads and in the village centre. In time it may be possible to address the unattractive wire-scape in the village centre.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Nobber continues to progress. A planned approach is now more important than ever. Concentrate on the basics, e.g. litter.