

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **EMYVALE**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	28	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	212	207

Emyvale, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your high rating in the competition is well deserved, however, if you are to expedite progress you will need to take on board the task of producing a 3/5 year work programme in the form of a plan. This plan should set out in detail your objectives for each year covered. It should also identify a priority list. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives - a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is more likely to bring results. Strengthen your relationship with Monaghan County Council and other state agencies and harness the full support of the community. In this way you will be in a position to set up sub-committees who will undertake specific tasks from within the framework of your plan. Develop this strategy and your rating in the competition should improve greatly.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Boundary areas and open spaces adjacent to some business premises could look better, however, in general most businesses and community buildings were presented to satisfaction. The Dispensary, Credit Union, An Teach Ban, Leisure Centre and St. Oliver Plunketts GAA Park all deserve a mention for good presentation in contrast with Ferndale Factory which needs attention. The adjudicator noted some construction works on the main street and when completed should further enhance this area of Emyvale.

LANDSCAPING

You continue to perform very well under this heading. Landscaping on the Monaghan and Aughnacloy approaches is nicely presented and creates a most welcoming vista for the visitor. The choice of shrubs in all areas has been well thought out and the many young trees about Emyvale are maturing nicely. The river area has been developed to a very high standard of all round presentation and the "angler" is an eye catching feature. The milestone park and pump are interesting features deserving of an information plaque to explain their origins. Emyvale as a border town is for many travellers from Northern Ireland a first introduction to the County and it is important therefore that the village is always presented in an attractive and inviting manner. New initiatives under this heading bring you an increase in marks - well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You still have a lot of work to do under this heading. Natural amenities are a strong feature of Emyvale's environment including the river, lakes, hedgerows, woodlands, grass verges etc. Investigate these areas and identify where wildlife habitats are located and the type of species. For further advice and guidance refer to page 65 of the Tidy Towns Handbook "Action Sheet" No. 6. You will find the recommendations most interesting and easy to implement.

LITTER CONTROL

Excellent on adjudication day except for a refuse bag dumped in the river. Congratulations to your FAS workers who are doing an excellent job.

TIDINESS

In general Emyvale has a tidy and neat appearance with the main approach roads most impressive - well trimmed verges, colourful planting and maturing young trees. Road surfaces in some areas are in urgent need of attention and sign posting needs upgrading. Please discuss these matters further with your local authority.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estates in Emyvale had a well cared for appearance supported by nicely presented and colourful gardens. The award winning estate off the main street deserves special mention as does the new block of terraced houses on the Tydavnet Road. The adjudicator also noted many nicely presented residential properties on the outskirts of Emyvale including the Mullin Road. It is easy for the adjudicator to understand why you have such a high rating under this section - congratulations to all.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are enhanced greatly by well maintained open spaces, colourful planting and attractive ornamental features. Pity the poor condition of the road adjacent to the County Council Depot and the river. This area is a serious eyesore and is losing you marks. Please try and influence the local authority to improve matters. The Tidy Towns Committee deserves such a gesture.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Despite the absence of a co-ordinated approach you continue to perform well. The requirement of a 3/5 year work programme is now necessary if you are to expedite progress and reach awarding winning status. Thank you for the completed documentation which was much appreciated by the adjudicator. You are progressing steadily - keep up

the good work.