

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NENAGH**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	200	195

Nenagh, Tipperary N. R.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for application form and for the best map (clear and colour coded) received by this adjudicator. Nenagh continues to improve and the Committee (no note of how many members shown on the entry form) are to be congratulated on their work to date. As the Committee do not have responsibility in a number of areas of activity it is essential that there is a partnership approach with the Urban and County Councils and other Agencies involved. The town has a pleasant charm which is not realised to its maximum at the present due to the amount of heavy traffic traversing the main streets. The ring road, in the course of construction, will alleviate this problem. The use of Irish was noted throughout the town giving greater character to many premises.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Overall, as mentioned above, Nenagh is improving on a continuous basis and this applies to the built environment also. However, the improvements are patchy and a number of areas still need attention. Pearse Street has a number of good shopfronts and the fact that the old Hotel on this street has been bought should show further improvement. As in other areas of the town, wires, cables and poles are in profusion. More use of colour on Sarsfield Street would be recommended and also on MacDonagh Street. Mitchell Street has some good shopfronts including Martha's and the colourful fresh fruit and vegetable shop. However, other premises needed attention. On Kenyon Street most of the premises are well maintained including overhead the shopfronts which is also very important. The "Big Easy" sign on the former Hotel in this street is rather obtrusive. It is unfortunate that the Chinese Restaurant building next to the restored Teach an Leinn does not blend in. The Mid Western Health Board has a pleasant pink and grey decor but the railings needed to be painted. The Railway Station yard is rather drab with the rusting door of a leanto shed and also the footbridge over the railway line needing painting. On the New Line road the ESB depot is nicely kept. On the Limerick approach, the Fire Station and Careys Glass Factory (where work is in progress at present) are also well maintained. Summerhill is a pleasant street and the well kept Arra Cleaners shopfront was noted. However, the entrance to the Christian Brothers School needed painting. The Roman Catholic Church and Church of Ireland premises on Church Road are well maintained, as are the Heritage Centre and Primary School on O'Rahilly St. The Courthouse is well maintained but we would suggest the use of a more definite colour for the doors here. The Garda Barracks and the Ulster Bank are also buildings

of note in this area. On Ashe Rd., the Post Office is rather stark and perhaps could be “softened” with some planting. On the Dromineer road, the GAA entrance and Government Offices were noted as being well maintained. Silver Street has some good shopfronts and the Tourist Office looked well. Good stone walls were noted throughout the town but in general more attention to gates and walls throughout would be recommended.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting on the approach roads and throughout the town is impressive and maturely nicely. We note from the list of items undertaken that much of your work is taken up with planting trees and shrubs and maintaining same and this is commendable. On many streets and near roundabouts and buildings of note there are good planted areas (many for year round colour) including seating in a number of instances. These enhance the town greatly. Many business premises have also taken up the challenge and are contributing fully in the tidy towns effort. It was also noted that paving has been undertaken in a number of areas throughout the town, creating an improvement where this has taken place. At the Railway Station we would suggest that the bank in the car park be planted and a kerb placed here as the base of this was very rough from vehicles backing into it. The landscaping at the new Hotel on the Dublin road which has been undertaken to date is impressive and no doubt when the further work on the car park is completed this will be landscaped also. On the Birr approach there are many grassed areas, some of which had been cut and some not. Perhaps the latter were to be wildlife gardens but looked rather overgrown. It would seem to the Adjudicator that all these areas should be maintained to a high standard out to the turning for Puckane.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The planting and grassed areas throughout the town contribute to this category. Your proposed project of a river side walk sounds worthwhile.

LITTER CONTROL

All in all, in a town the size of Nenagh, litter was not very obvious in most areas and the good quality sturdy litter bins placed around the town no doubt help this effort. Also your work through education and An Taisce Clean up Day are obviously effective. However, in some areas such as the little Park area opposite the Esso Station on the Dublin road, litter was very prevalent.

TIDINESS

Mostly the town is tidy throughout and all kerbsides weed free. Both of the traveller encampments on the Limerick approach near Carey's Factory and at the triangular green leading down to Puckane gave an untidy appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Ninety per cent of private houses are obviously committed to the tidy towns effort. The maintenance of planted areas at housing estates is commendable and on the Dromineer approach there are a number of individual houses with very attractive gardens. Some houses in the course of being built were also noted and no doubt will be encouraged to complete and finalise their areas to a high standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As mentioned above, new paving was noted in a number of areas. However, in other parts of the town paths were in need of attention and the road surfaces were poor. Signage in general needed cleaning and a large directional sign at the green area opposite the Esso filling station on the Dublin road was covered in graffiti.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Nenagh has a good future in the Competition based on the work undertaken to date. The ring road will be beneficial to your efforts and if all the community, business premises and Agencies co-operate fully we look forward to seeing further achievements in the years ahead.