

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ARVAGH**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	196

Arvagh, County Cavan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your Environmental Enhancement Workplan is very comprehensive. You have many achievable objectives laid out within the Plan and hopefully step by step, within the next number of years Arva will be a contender for a major prize in the national competition. It is recommended that the school children be involved in keeping Arva a pleasant place to live. It is good to see that you have the wholehearted support of the vast majority of the community as well as the State Agencies, the local authority, FAS and the ESB. In future it would be most helpful to the adjudicator if you specified work completed in the past year and work ongoing. Many thanks for returning the completed questionnaire and photographs.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The principal buildings are well maintained. The Catholic Church and grounds, with its mature trees, hedging and flower tubs also look well. Church of Ireland looked well with its nice wide footpath, nice planting outside the wall – the mature trees are a very nice feature too. The graveyard had a neat and tidy appearance. Breffni Arms looked very well and is nicely finished. St Patrick's G.F.C. is very attractive with its nice stone wall and hedgerow. The school on the Cavan approach was neat and tidy with its planters and floral displays. North Eastern Health Board building and grounds well presented and the railings were being painted on adjudication day. Brady's of Arva garage and forecourt has a nice presentation. Properties worthy of note were O'Flaherty's Pub with its nice Irish signage on the gable wall, Garda Station with its nice window boxes and hanging baskets, Credit Union, Foster's Pharmacy, Natural Image, Thomas Brady, T.J Seery and Market Bar. The Off Licence window is very attractive also. Unfortunately some dereliction and poorly maintained properties still remain. It was noted that the house attached to Willnik House appears to be under construction and Brian McGlade Tyres is improved but the properties on either side detract from his efforts. Work is continuing on the Market House and when complete will be an attractive focal point for the village. Alu Gutter Car Park looked well with its nice stone wall and tree planting. The new houses on the Augnaclyff Road when completed and landscaped will improve the appearance of this area. An untidy open area past the Doctor's surgery with a rusty corrugated shed is deplorable. The Bank of Ireland needed repainting. Curran's Shell Garage still discredits the area both front and rear. An unkempt motor yard at the intersection of the Longford

Road is very unsightly and needs some form of screening as it detracts from the magnificent efforts of the neighbouring residents.

LANDSCAPING

Many of the approaches are to be complimented under this heading. The Augnacliff approach is very impressive with its wonderful treelined approach. On entering one notices the attractive town signs but on adjudication day the base of all the signs needed weeding which was a great disappointment. The window boxes, flower tubs, hanging baskets on some of the commercial premises and the private houses throughout the town is a credit to all concerned. The treeplanting on the approaches was most commendable also.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is noted that the amenity at the lakeside is a possible area for development of a wildlife habitat. Why not get the children involved by means of a competition in identifying the wildlife flora and fauna suitable to this area. As noted in last year's report an Environmental Officer is already visiting schools to promote this type of activity in Arva.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general was very good on adjudication day. However, there were some weeds at the base of some walls. The sign at Holybank Lake is very impressive and a proof of other organisations being aware of your efforts.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village was one of neatness and tidiness but on closer scrutiny one sees the properties which are badly maintained or unoccupied and it is such an embarrassment for the householders/business premises who make that extra effort. The children's playground and swimming pool at Gartylough though on adjudication day was full to capacity with children there was very little litter to be seen even in this area! Well done! The tennis court was tidy but a disused oil tank was abandoned close by!

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties on the approaches and in the town itself are a credit to all concerned, with mature lawns, hedgerows, hanging baskets, window boxes and nice boundary walls.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general the approach roads were well maintained with verges trimmed and nice floral displays. Remember the approaches to any town can create a first and lasting impression so it is important that this high standard is maintained. However, the road surface on some of the approaches were potholed and need attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Arva Tidy Towns Committee is working continuously to improve their town and you are to be congratulated on your efforts. Your plan for the future is excellent and with the help of all sectors of the community Arva has the potential to achieve a high ranking in the Tidy Towns Competition.