

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAVAN**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	31	29
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	218	210

Cavan Town, County Cavan.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cavan town continues to impress this adjudicator. With the introduction of the new Tidy Towns 2000 - 2002 plan there is now a real focus developing with regard to forward planning. The Urban District Council are congratulate for their initiative in this regard and the partnership between U.D.C. and Tidy Towns Committee (community) which has developed strongly in recent years will ensure that the objectives of the plan are implemented. The Urban Renewal Programme has also helped to increase Cavan Towns rating in the competition. A sustained effort is now required and the commitment to date is an indication that the challenges outlined in the plan will be taken on board with enthusiasm. You are performing well at present and must not get complacent but continue to work closely with the local authorities and promote greater participation by the community and business sector.

Thank you for the map and support documentation - very detailed and expertly presented.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Cavan Town has a nice mix of old and modernised buildings that blend nicely together and significantly enhance the overall presentation of the town. Farnham Street has many buildings of great historical interest including Cathedral, Court house, County Council Offices, terraced houses etc. all presented to a very high standard and at the same maintaining their individual characteristics. The refurbished bus depot was much admired and the new Jacksons will further enhance Farnham Street when work is complete. Other premises in the town that caught the adjudicators eye were the restored Corn Mill (excellent stone work), An Sibín (traditional shop front), Patsy Boyle, Joe Dunne Insurance, Burkes Medical Hall, Abbey Crystal and many more. All contributing to an improved streetscape in the town. On the outskirts the adjudicator was impressed with Kilmore Hotel, Cavan Crystal, Dun Uí Neill Barracks, General Hospital and Pauwels. Many commercial premises on the Dublin and Arva roads are poorly presented and are for the visitor an unwelcoming introduction to the town. What a pity when so many others have responded positively to enhancing the built environment that is Cavan Town. The new LIDL premises is coming on well and the car park etc should look well when planting is in place. The Leisure Centre Complex was well maintained with grass trimmed and car parks tidy. The many displays of hanging baskets, window boxes, flower

tubs and flower gardens were much admired and contribute in no small way to your achievements under the heading - well done.

LANDSCAPING

Since taking up office the horticulturist has obviously played a leading role in the implementation of a landscaping programme that is enhancing greatly the overall presentation of Cavan Town. From the new roundabout on the Dublin Road to the very impressive Con Smith Memorial Park on the Butlersbridge Road the floral displays and sensible planting are much in evidence. The Rose beds near the Urban District Council offices were awash with colour and drawing much attention from visitors. Your development plan puts great emphasis on landscaping and this will benefit the town greatly in the year ahead. A special word of praise for the gardening staff of the General Hospital - the standard of landscaping here is top class - well cared for spacious greens, sensible perennial planting, an interesting presentation of shrubs of tree.

You have performed well under this heading - well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The observations in last years report still apply. It is important that you give this section a priority rating and implement the proposals as outlined in your development plan. Identify the wildlife habitats of Con Smith Park and survey the potential of Green Lough as an amenity and wildlife centre. The improvements and environmental features at Cavan River are excellent, however do remove a beer keg and traffic cone from the water. The Slí Na Sláinte route and town walk will be most popular and of great interest to visitors when signposting is in place.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control has improved considerably and the town was relatively litter free on adjudication day except for incidental litter adjacent to the car park on College Road. Litter bins were presented to standard and your litter control strategy which is directed at all sections of the community is a very positive step forward.

Congratulations on the "Littermaster" project and the anti-litter posters - excellent promotional tools. Well done.

TIDINESS

Cavan in the main presents a tidy appearance. Colourful planting, flowerbeds, hanging baskets, window boxes etc., well presented private and public properties all create a tidy and welcoming environment. However, the Dublin Road

still has many commercial premises requiring attention - poor boundary areas, long grass and untidy forecourt areas contribute to an unsightly appearance. Your anti-litter strategy is having major influence in helping to create a tidy environment - attention to detail and a sustained effort by all is now required.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general residential properties were well presented. Outstanding in presentation were the houses on golf course road, each of individual design and with attractively maintained gardens. Private and Local Authority housing estates were also well cared for. Carrickfern Estate was much admired - colourful gardens, extensive planting, well presented footpaths, trimmed grass verges, maturing young trees and a nice environmental feature at the entrance. A fine example of all round good presentation. Developers please note! Rocklands on the Cootehill Road is also nicely landscaped and the house opposite with the "horse and jockey" hedge was also admired. The inner road of the housing estate overlooking the GAA. Park has an uneven surface and needs attention as does the access road to Lifeforce Mill(Riverside Street).

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREA

All approach roads are enhanced greatly by the extensive planting of flower beds, maturing trees, tidy verges and flower tubs. The Butlersbridge Road is most impressive and hopefully other approaches will develop to a near similar pattern. The new roundabout on the Dublin road is a nice introduction to Cavan Town and creates a good impression. The urban renewal scheme has improved greatly the inner-streetscape and the environmental feature and stonework at the post office is tastefully presented and was litter free as adjudication day despite the large numbers of people in the area. Street furniture and signposting all looked well, however the pole with too many finger signs at the Arva Road junction should be replaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Whilst you have an excellent working relationship with Cavan Urban District Council it is desirable to have greater participation by the private sector. This can be done by increasing the numbers on your committee and forming sub committees with specific tasks. The Development Programme (2000 - 2002) provides you with an interesting challenge and will clearly determine your future progress in the competition. You now have a clear focus - all the work is not the responsibility of the Local Authority - the general public and business sector also have a major role to play. This adjudicator will be watching your progress with interest.