

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **JAMESTOWN**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	17	--
Landscaping	40	20	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	20	--
Tidiness	20	9	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	--
General Impression	10	4	--
TOTAL MARK	300	147	--

Jamestown, Co. Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome back Jamestown to the National Tidy Towns Competition. The village last competed in 1995. The Jamestown Community Council has now produced an excellent Plan for the village and as you stated it is not a promise but a starting point. You have many achievable objectives laid out within the Plan and hopefully step by step within the next two/three years Jamestown will be contender for an award within the county in this competition. Thanks are due to the committee for completing the questionnaire. A sketch of the village would be most helpful for the future. Congratulations are also due to all concerned on the brochure production which is helpful in the promotion of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

While some of the houses in the village looked well, brightly painted and colourful floral displays, a number of houses which appear to be unoccupied mar the overall appearance of the village. W Kenoy's and the Arch Bar had some nice street furniture. The Church looked well with its nice flower tubs. The pump is a very nice feature on the Drumsna approach. However, painting would not go amiss here and flower tubs/plants placed by the pump would further enhance this feature.

LANDSCAPING

Some of the villagers made great efforts with their gardens and colourful window boxes but there are some untidy open spaces within the village which totally detract from the overall appearance. Particularly at the 'arch' entrance on the left hand side there is an untidy, overgrown open space which could be developed and become a feature of the village. A greater effort is needed here.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for nature conservation in the village. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats in your catchment. Why not invite your local environmental experts to get involved to advise you. As mentioned in previous reports the harbour at the bridge is an ideal location for placing some picnic furniture. Also there could be some planting done here, to give it a more colourful appearance.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no litter to be seen on adjudication day. However, the litter bins are in poor condition and need to be replaced.

TIDINESS

The village was generally very tidy on adjudication day. In one area building materials were strewn about and there was a trailer which looked as if it was abandoned. The graveyard was tidy but the gate needs painting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the houses in the village are well presented including the houses on either side of the 'arch' entrance in the village area but as already stated the open overgrown areas detract from the efforts on some. The Salmon Leap bed and breakfast house has a lovely stone wall which is very much inkeeping with the village. There is a stone wall broken within the village which is an eyesore and in urgent need of repair.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were well presented. Verges had been trimmed back. The footpaths in general were good except for a section on the Jamestown approach on the left hand side.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

As stated in your Plan the success of these projects will depend on local support and voluntary input and it is of this adjudicator's opinion that there is a lack of community spirit. Jamestown has the potential to improve its ranking in the tidy towns competition but only with the support of all. Thank you for coming back into the competition and good luck with your future projects.