

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOHILL**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	17	16
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	179	172

Mohill, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to note that the redevelopment of Mohill is now underway due in no small measure to the untiring efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee. The removal of the wirescape in the town is an excellent start and the undergrounding of cables in some of the streets this year is to be welcomed. The three-year plan is an ambitious one, and hopefully the Committee with the assistance of Leitrim County Council and others including the residents will persevere with their plan. Derelict sites, untidy open spaces and corrugated buildings do not enhance Mohill's appearance. The Railway restoration project when completed will give a significant lift to the town both in terms of appearance and the increase of visitor numbers to the town. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the completed questionnaire and progress report; however, as last year, the map could be improved.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many of the buildings are extremely well presented. The R.C. Church looked well and St Mary's Church of Ireland is a fine building with nice surroundings. The Garda Station is nicely painted and the Canon Donoghue Hall. The old hospital/nursing home on the Dromod approach is also worthy of comment. The Bank of Ireland has a lovely display of flower boxes. The Health Board also looked well, however, the lettering on the library still needs attention. The cutting of grass at the Mohill Enterprise Centre will enhance this building. The Schools were also well presented as were the County Council Offices on the Carrigallen Road. Other places to catch the eye were – Earley's, Stenson's and the Credit Union Building. Many of the buildings on the Main Street need freshening up and plastic signage is no addition to the street.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping in the town and on the approach roads is outstanding. The shrubbery beds on both sides of the road near the R.C. Church is superb. Further back on the Carrick-on-Shannon Road is a lovely green area with seating and flower tubs. The new shrubbery beds at Modular Cold Stores looked lovely as did the floral display and treeplanting at the school nearby. The shrubbery beds and treeplanting at Cappagh are a credit to the residents. The display of flower boxes, hanging baskets and flower tubs on some of the approach roads are exceptional, particularly on the Ballinamore approach near the Maxol Garage. Many of the commercial premises also excel in

this regard. The hedge on the stone wall at the Mart provides excellent curtilage for its forecourt. The Dromod approach has nice treeplanting and shrubbery beds. There are some large stone flower tubs on this approach which are most attractive, however, one of them is noticeably broken. A great effort under this heading this year.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As suggested last year a weir could be built to raise the water level at the river near the Health Centre. This would provide a fine habitat for wildlife. Hopefully this will be done in the near future. You should consult with the local authority on this matter. Children should also be involved in helping to develop a wildlife habitat.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control appears to be working this year - litter was not visible in the town centre. Litter was noticeable on the approach roads and in particular in the river at the O'Carolan Monument. Litter bins were noticeable by their absence.

TIDINESS

There are a number of untidy garage forecourts in the town, most noticeable at the garage on the Dromod approach. In addition, there is an unkempt area in the vicinity of this garage. There is a walled field beside Stenson's which has a most untidy appearance. There are also a number of unkempt open spaces on Water Street. There is some dereliction on the Carrick-on-Shannon approach road on the left. Whilst the Hunt Memorial building is well presented the building beside it does not compare as favourably. The graveyard near the Old Convent is badly in need of attention - grass and weeds overgrown. There are some neglected buildings on the left of the Carrigallen approach and rusty corrugated roofs often spoil the view of the town. The committee are well aware of the dereliction and untidy open spaces in the town. Planxty Maguires has a fine colourful appearance - the surrounding environs needs attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the estates are extremely well presented. The estates on the Ballinamore Road and the Carrick Road are a credit to the residents. Cappagh Estate is presented and the estate opposite has some well tended houses with nice floral displays. Many of the houses on the approach roads are well presented with nice boundary walls and mature gardens. The local authority estate on the left of the Dromod approach needs a lot of improvement, however,

there were one or two exceptions to this. The new estate Shannagh Grove will be lovely when completed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Most of the approaches are well presented except for some litter. There are two back areas on the main street in the town which need attention. Road surfaces are good and most of the footpaths throughout the town are well surfaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The town is slowly overcoming its dereliction problems. Well done to the Committee for their untiring efforts on behalf of Mohill.