

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **REAGHSTOWN**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	205	201

Reaghstown, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and three-year plan. Congratulations on having completed many of the projects listed in the plan already. As noted by the adjudicator last year, the absence of a date on the plan makes it difficult to interpret. In order to progress further in the competition you should assess what works are still to be completed and include these in a new plan, including a map, clearly dated for each year it refers to.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The many fine stone walls are an attractive feature of Reaghstown. The church and its grounds are beautifully kept. The stone wall building going on at the carpark is an impressive project. The wall adjoining the Post Office on the cemetery road needs to be painted and the Danny Boy Pub would also benefit from a fresh coat of paint.

LANDSCAPING

The picnic area just off the N2 junction is a credit to the local community. The newer amenity area beside the Danny Boy is also developing well and is maintained to a similarly high standard. The new planting along the fence here will soon start to have an impact. The hedging behind the stone wall on the cemetery road needs to be strengthened. The landscaping along the approach from the N2 is most attractive. Floral displays at both pumps and the many rose bushes contribute much to the very pleasant appearance of the village. Some additional planting at the farm entrance would be of benefit.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The walk from the Danny Boy to the Arthurstown road will be a lovely amenity when completed. It was noted that work has begun on clearing the undergrowth here. As you correctly point out, the whitethorn hedging in and around the village is very important for wildlife. Your programme to continue planting whitethorn to renew and protect existing hedgerows is very worthwhile. As suggested last year, why not get the local schoolchildren involved in projects to identify the wildlife habitats in the village, as a way of involving them in the care of their local environment.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good. Keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

Reaghstown presents quite a tidy scene. The area around the Danny Boy detracts somewhat from this, with sprayed weedgrowth left to wither in the carpark and the front wall requiring painting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses and gardens in the village and on the approach roads are maintained with real pride. The small estate is very well cared for and a credit the residents here.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads are maintained in good condition with neat verges and rows of lovely young trees. The surface of the Danny Boy carpark needs to be upgraded. The entrance to the Westerns Football Club Grounds is commendable.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Reaghstown is a lovely village with a community dedicated to enhancing the environment for all its residents. Try to keep the wonderful rural character of your village intact, as it is something that is becoming increasingly difficult to preserve in our current economic situation.