

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ARDAGHEY**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	23	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	30	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	12	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Ardaghey, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to Ardaghey on its first entry to the Tidy Towns Competition. It is fair to say that Ardaghey might better be described as a hamlet rather than a village and as such to do well in this competition you will have particular difficulties to overcome. Not least the absence of a village centre or a context in which the community spirit can be judged. That said it is perfectly obvious that you come to the competition with great energy and enthusiasm and you have already achieved much of what is in your plan. Congratulations on the plan, most towns start off without one and labour on for many years. You are putting the cart right where it belongs and you are to be congratulated on that.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

With the small number of buildings it is heartening that those in community and public ownership are in such good condition, the Church, the Community Centre are a credit to you and the proposal to have the forge in some way renovated is most appropriate. It is essential that you get a focused village and the forge at the cross-roads would seem the most logical project to take in hand.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Again, it was heartening to see your proposals coming into shape already in the first year. Landscaping was noted at the Community Centre, where already your sensitivities are masking the unsightly chain and fencing with a good hedge and planting of mature trees on the far side of the car park. Well done! The beds at the signposts at the approach roads were also attractively planted and clearly a lot of work and expense had gone into this area already.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There was no apparent wildlife effort made this year understandably but it is a section that you could do very well with in due course. Please consider putting something in your plan for a country walk or an ornithological signposted walk or some such!

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was no litter evident at all, either in the Community Centre area or in the Church area. Given the huge community use of the Community Centre this is quite an achievement and you are to be congratulated on same.

## **TIDINESS**

As is apparent already the adjudicator was impressed with the tidiness of the public areas in the village. One area that will cause concern for you is one or two local houses in need of refurbishment i.e. one opposite the Church. These will need to be brought into the community spirit if you are to do well in the competition.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The remarks under the tidiness apply here also. A house on the Ballybay Road was noted for its magnificent garden and the beautiful mature trees. Well done to the homeowner.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The timber fencing and verges on the Church Road needed repair and tidying up. On the other hand the Community Centre Road had been very neatly tidied and trimmed back for quite a considerable distance out from the village. Well done!

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

As is apparent the adjudication standards will have to be set for years to come and certain projects to be undertaken if you are to do well in the competition. You are most welcome and we hope that you will be with us for many years and go from strength to strength. Thank you for joining us.