

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **EMYVALE**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	18
Litter Control	40	27	28
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	28
General Impression	10	9	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>212</b>

## **Emyvale, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you very much for your outline plan and for your declaration that your 5-Year Plan will be produced shortly. This is the key to laying down good further progress in the Tidy Towns Competition. Your map was also most helpful.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Emyvale has essentially a modern 21<sup>st</sup> century street as such and is very well maintained. It is good to see a high standard of new shop fronts especially Magee's also worthy of note was the Silver Hill factory and the beautiful multilingual signs welcoming the visitors to it. Overall the vacant spaces have been infilled very well and it is obvious from your remarks with your application that this is part of the community plan.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As was marked in previous years the landscaping is very impressive on the approach roads. It was good to see the deciduous trees maturing so well. The milestones were noteworthy on the Monaghan Road – a beautiful memory from times past. Also noted was the very nice landscaping throughout the residential areas in the town and especially the beautifully planted bed underneath the stainglassed window of the oratory.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your river bank is an obvious area where more could be made of the wildlife aspect of the Tidy Towns marking. While beautifully maintained it is obviously a haven for birds and flora and fauna why not erect an information sign highlighting some of these. Your local Conservation Officer should be able to help you on this one. Alternatively the beautiful children's play area might also have a wild grass area or a walk through the some of the sylvan settings hereby.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Overall litter is not a problem in Emyvale, though there is a large number of children resident in the village. You are to be congratulated on this. However, there was a small amount of litter to be seen on the Glaslough Road and the beautiful picnic area at the play park was marred by litter.

## **TIDINESS**

As you rightly point out the County Council Yard on the Mill Road is most unsightly. It really is a shame that the local authority do not relocate this yard. Also in this area the GAA field, while very tidy, needed paint work to the goalposts.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

All of the areas were very well presented. The Old Age Pensioners houses, the Oriel Park area and the Lakeside Drive all beautifully presented and an absolute credit to the people living there. It was lovely to see the use of bright colour, especially in Lakeside Drive, not only in windows, doors, soffits and fascias but also extending to the multi coloured litter bins. Also noted were the nicely painted houses on the Market Hill.

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

As noted in previous years road surfaces on the Mill Road and on the Mullen Road really need attention. Again bring this to the attention of your local authority and ask that something be done about it. The River Road hedges were very well maintained but unfortunately the factory grounds on the Monaghan Road marred that area.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Central to the success of the Tidy Towns Competition is a vibrant community which clearly Emyvale has a great sense of how lovely a place it is to live in and how proud you all are of it all. Keep up your good work, make a plan and undoubtedly you will do even better in years to come.