

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **INNISKEEN**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>203</b>

## **Inniskeen, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed entry form and small map. While they were helpful more detail would aid your adjudicator on this occasion. No formal plan was submitted with your application and therefore it is difficult to gauge the amount of particular effort in one year. That said Inniskeen obviously has a very highly developed tidy towns attitude and the good work noted in previous years remains well in place.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Your Churches, archaeological remains, pubs, Credit Union etc. are all being maintained to a very high standard and set the atmosphere for the excellent community in which you live. It was also wonderful to note the improvements at Magee's Shop. Hopefully for next year the island between the car park and the road will be complete and some extra screening may be put in place at the builders providers yard. However, there is a great improvement.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As always Inniskeen presented beautifully on the day of adjudication, magnificent flower beds, beautiful hanging baskets throughout the village and indeed from two miles out on the approach roads. Well done on this tremendous effort.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It was most heartening to see a wonderful depth of wild grasses between the manicured river walk and the river itself. This is most appropriate and carried on the day of adjudication, wonderful butterflies and dipping swallows. Some children nearby would have benefited had there been some wildlife notices along this area alerting them to the richness that they were surrounded by.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

A small amount of litter was noted on the Millrace Pond and farm plastic from spring flooding still was suspended from the river bank in places. This marred what was otherwise an absolutely delightful trip along the river. Essentially litter is not a problem in Inniskeen and with such a young population and so many children living in the area and in the residential terraces you are to be congratulated on this. One notable exception was the GAA Centre where the car park there was badly littered. In addition the building was

badly in need of paint and redecoration and perhaps this might be undertaken for next year.

## **TIDINESS**

Inniskeen has a tremendous sense of tidiness upon arrival. On closer inspection, however, it threw up a couple of problems. The rather unsightly mesh wiring and the sheds at the back of McNello's will become a problem unless dealt with soon. Grass cutting was happening throughout the village and therefore there was a lot of residual grass cuttings lurking at kerbsides and under buildings. Obviously the large streetscape and with so much grass being so well maintained this is difficult to manage but some effort should be made to do so. On the positive side the mural on the shed at the National School was a beautiful addition and a most innovative solving of what could be a problem. Well done there!

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

As in previous years the houses throughout the village were presented very well. There were a number of notable gardens on the Carrickmacross Road and a special word of commendation to the terraced house on Carrick road that had a magnificent display of lilies and flowering baskets. Also noted - Dun Ard – all houses were presented very well and no litter was to be seen and the old people's homes close to the Credit Union were also presented beautifully.

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

The approach roads to Inniskeen are very well maintained with a very good sense of anticipation generated. Well done on this huge effort. It was good to see the old stone walls being so neatly kept. One or two points to watch here – there are a number of infill sites in poor condition between Patrick Kavanagh's home and the village itself. Probably development will take over here but nonetheless screening would be helpful in the meantime. On the day of adjudication it was most encouraging to see two young boys gathering grass on the approach road, that had been recently cut.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Your adjudicator was most impressed with, yet again, the high standards that have been set by Inniskeen. On the day of adjudication, two ladies were cutting grass in Fayne Park, two boys were gathering grass on the approach road and a lady at the old railway bridge was busily planting a rose tree. All in all a very fine example of the community spirit that exists in Inniskeen. Keep up the good work.