

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWBLISS**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	15	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	22
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	175	173

Newbliss, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you very much for the excellent map and for the further detail contained in your Plan. This was of great help to the adjudicator on the day and lays good foundations for observations over the coming years. Your adjudication last year gave you some considerable detail and it is good to see this is being picked up in your Plans for the next three years. For this adjudicator it was my first time back in Newbliss after three years and the changes are quite significant. Well done on that!

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

This is greatly improved. Congratulations to the community and to the County Council for the new paving and street lighting. It has made a great improvement to your town and you are to be congratulated on. One saw the removal of the derelict site in the middle of the town albeit it now an empty space it is nonetheless a great improvement.

LANDSCAPING

You have always had beautiful planting in Newbliss and this year's was equally good. It was good to note the new trees opposite the Church of Ireland, the beautiful planting at the lovely gate lodge close to the Church of Ireland, also the bedding opposite the Stag's Inn. All of this is but a sample of the excellent work you have done throughout the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is disappointing to note an absence of any plan for dealing with this section of the Tidy Towns Competition in your overall development plan. Please look innovatively at your landscape and explore some way of highlighting the wildlife around your village. This would be of great interest to the children of the village and also to visitors who come through.

LITTER CONTROL

Apart from a small amount of litter at the car park close to the school on the day of adjudication this was not a problem.

TIDINESS

It was good to see the GAA pitch and school grounds greatly improved in the last few years. The overall impression of Newbliss is of a greatly tidied up town. In

addition it was good to note a lady painting the railings at the Acorn Centre and the overall air of good husbandry about Newbliss.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Particularly noteworthy were the hanging baskets of the terraced houses on the Clones Road and the very well kept gardens in many of the houses. This was also noteworthy on the Monaghan Road. One small blot is the small estate on the Clones Road which is poorly maintained. It was disappointing to note grass cuttings dumped indiscriminately across the ditch and this area should be looked at creatively on behalf of the folk who live there.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were very well maintained. It was good to see that you eased off rigorously trimming and cutting back hedges and verges and instead are maintaining a softer look. This was evident on all of the approach roads and you have to be commended for same. The improved fencing on the Clones Road is excellent and one wonders could the same be achieved on the Monaghan Road and the ugly chain fencing there removed. The site at the Market House in the Main Street was well maintained on the day of adjudication. The approach signs and Welcome signs to the town all need replacing .

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Perhaps your millennium signpost says it all! What a beautiful idea at the centre of your town celebrating your interest in your own community, in your country and in Europe. Congratulations on this. It is evident to this adjudicator that Newbliss has come together as a community and is tackling its urban and residential challenges most capably and you are to be commended on same. Keep up the good work and you can only do better!