

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULTYFARNHAM**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	186	185

Multyfarnham, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Multyfarnham is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. The village is an attractive stone village with a handsome stock of buildings, well maintained green open spaces and young to maturing shrubberies and trees. Multyfarnham has an attractive layout and is set amidst gently rolling hills and lush pasturelands on the banks of a river. The gently curved approach roads at entrances to the village are inviting and elicit a feeling of curiosity. It is essential that you submit a sketch map each year showing the work that has been accomplished for the previous years. The map previously submitted was not available for adjudication for this year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school and its grounds are very well presented and indeed the school grounds are beautifully landscaped. The church is another important key focal point in the village as it can be seen from both the Bunbrosna and Southern approach roads and is a handsome building. The old Forge has been attractively redeveloped and is being well maintained, well done. The Millburns An Tintain Guesthouse looks well as does the adjoining Restaurant. Weir's and Lennons together with the already mentioned An Tintain premises all look really well. The 'Lotto' sign on the Lennons property, however, could be replaced by the more slimline type of sign.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaped corner at the junction of the Bunbrosna road and the village centre looks really well. The wire and post fencing at the top of the Bunbrosna road should be planted with beech and hawthorn hedgerow. Your small landscaped park in the centre is a valuable amenity and everyone concerned with its development and maintenance deserves credit and acknowledgement. More will need to be achieved for the landscaped corner at the junction of the Coole road and the main road at the river. The old building here, for example, could be planted with a fast growing climbing plant. The planted area at the top of the Coole road looked quite rough on the day of adjudication. Some special attention is needed for this area. Very few houses featured window boxes during this year's adjudication. This is in contrast to a situation of last year, perhaps this year's adjudication was too early. A stretch of wire and post fencing on the entrance from the Crookedwood road could be planted with a line of hawthorn or a combination of beech and hawthorn hedgerow. There are two sections of hawthorn hedgerow along this wire and post fencing and it would be a great asset to the village if

this was extended.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The small access point to the river from the centre of the village is a welcome development. The cemetery looks well; you are referred to the Office of Public Works' handbook with guidelines on the care and maintenance of old cemeteries. We wish you well in your efforts to have the river banks cleared and developed for amenity. Suggestions made by last year's adjudicator are particularly relevant and should be considered as a project for next year's participation in the competition.

LITTER CONTROL

There has been no apparent change under this heading since last year. Do keep us informed of your litter control activities throughout the year.

TIDINESS

The remains of a derelict building at the southern end of the village could be planted with a fast growing climber such as Russian Vine if the site is not to be redeveloped soon. Do try to keep footpaths and kerbs of footpaths and the base of walls free of weed growth.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential property in the village centre which can be seen from the Rathowen approach road is a key focal point in the village scape and is presented to the highest standard, however it's wire and post fencing could be either replaced with a stone wall or planted with hedgerow or shrubs. Otherwise it is beautifully presented. A large house on the road to the school has some excellent traditional features and it is hoped that these are retained upon refurbishment. Its roadside boundary wall should be maintained freshly painted or whitewashed. The terraces of single and two storey dwellings out the Coole road are most attractive and are being maintained to a high standard. They form a pleasant introduction into the village from the Coole road. The holiday homes development is quite well presented although a little weeding along kerbs is necessary. Townhouses could perhaps feature a co-ordinated colour scheme of gentle muted pastel shades.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Rathowen entrance to the village looks particularly well with its neatly mown verges, good nameplate and road signs. The wirescape of the village is visually obtrusive and hopefully you will be successful in having it ducted within the next few years. Is there a problem about having the old telephone

kiosk refurbished? It is in a particularly bad state of repair. Some road signs need to be cleaned. The Mullingar approach road and entrance looks well with its neat hedgerow on one side and turf capped stone wall on the other. Small details like the stone trough at the house across from Weir's add interest and are attractive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Multyfarnham is a most attractive village with a lot of potential for further enhancement and development.