

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KINGSCOURT**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	25	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	25	--
Tidiness	20	9	--
Residential Areas	30	23	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Kingscourt, Co.Cavan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Kingscourt has many attractive features, in particular, the roundabouts with their colourful flowerbeds and the trees planted along the traffic islands of the main street. The hanging baskets along the main street were also much admired and it was good to see them being watered on the day of inspection. The square beside The Rural Harp is an ideal location for the development of a public seating area, surrounded by plants and flowers. It seems a shame to use it for car parking space. Your committee is encouraged to prepare a simple development plan.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

St. Ernan's Church on the Dublin side of town is being well cared for and the mature trees look magnificent. The church on the Kells road is also very attractive with beautifully kept grass verges and flowerbeds. St. Mary's Hall, with its wonderfully restored redbrick facade, looks very well adorned with colourful hanging baskets. The stone facade of Malone's pub is also most attractive. Dun A Ri House is nicely painted and its flower displays add great colour. Other facades worthy of mention are Blakes, Farm Fresh, The Wishing Well and Pat's. Gartland's thatched pub continues to maintain its very high standards with fantastically bright flower displays and beautifully clean facade. Shekleton's shop front needs a facelift.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a lovely shrubbery on the main street, down from the National Irish Bank. The flowerbeds next to The Rural Harp are also very pretty and it was disappointing to see them littered. As already mentioned, the landscaping on the roundabouts and along the main street looks most attractive.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You make no reference to this section in your application. You should consider undertaking a species count of the wildlife in your area, with the objective of making wildlife a feature of the town. Also consider any natural amenities e.g. river, local woods.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was in evidence along the main street, and although it is an acknowledged difficulty, you should examine new ways of tackling the problem such as awareness campaigns and enlisting the help of school children.

### **TIDINESS**

A significant problem throughout Kingscourt is weed growth on footpaths, along kerbs and where boundary walls butt the footpath. The use of weed spray is strongly recommended within the town and on the outskirts. The traffic islands along the main street are very

tidy and the telephone boxes outside The Rural Harp are reasonably clean. The graveyard on the Kells road is very well maintained and the church car park is spotless.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The standard of housing and private gardens on the Kells approach is exceptionally high, with beautiful landscaping, hedgerows, trees and flower displays. Well done to the residents along this stretch. There are also lovely gardens along St. Mary's road. A magnificent stone house on the Monaghan approach, deserves a special mention. In general, housing standards are very good on all approach roads and within the town.

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

The grass verge on the Kells road needs to be cut back further as the nameplate is a little obscured. This nameplate also needs to be cleaned. The Carrickmacross approach has well cut verges but the kerb along the path needs to be weeded. The nameplate on the Dublin approach looks well with flowers at its base and the walled flowerbed on the grass verge is a nice touch. There is a lovely tree-lined approach from Monaghan but the battered nameplate should be replaced. There are good verges on the Bailieborough road with one area beautifully landscaped.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Kingscourt has some wonderful flower displays in the town. You should consider cultivating picnic areas on the outskirts of the town and concentrating on the litter problem within the town. Good luck with future developments and I look forward to returning next year.