

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MOUNTNUGENT**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	--
Litter Control	40	28	--
Tidiness	20	9	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Mountnugent, Co.Cavan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

As indicated in last year's report you are still having difficulty with the local authority in regard to developments in the village. No plan was included in the file. The adjudicator would recommend that you continue with your efforts to enlist the support of the local authority. In the interim you should prepare a simple list of tasks and phase it over a three year period. The entry form suggests that no committee meetings took place during the past year so perhaps phase one for next year would be to re-activate the committee and get the plan prepared.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The school on the Oldcastle Road looks well. The plants and grass areas are nicely presented. Grass mowing was about to take place during the visit. The RC Church, freshly painted, and its grounds were clean and tidy with a nice line of trees fronting the boundary wall. The church car park is showing some weed so a little attention is needed here. Gerry Smith's Garage could improve its presentation and generally clean up its forecourt area. The door of the house beside Mary's Hair Salon is falling into disrepair and urgently needs attention. Repainting is also required on nearby green windows and doors.

The Church of Ireland building looks very well with maintained gardens and graveyard. The old ewe trees are particularly attractive. Gates could be freshened up with painting. On the opposite side, the shop referred to in last year's report is undergoing refurbishing work. Both McGee's and McMillan's Shop were well presented in both a traditional and modern style. The Community Hall on the Virginia Road has weeds in the car park and generally the building is unattractive. The recently painted North Eastern Health Board Building presents quite well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a nice little open grass area with a seat opposite Smith's Supermarket which looks well. Grass has been mowed but no other maintenance seems to have taken place. Also there is a pleasant seating area beside the Bridge House and an attractive display of plants at the backyard entrance of McGee's premises. There is an attractive flower display at the bridge near the old school on the Finea Road.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The rural location of Mountnugent should provide many opportunities for suitable projects under this heading. In identifying projects seek the advice of ENFO - a public information service established by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government or contact your area wildlife ranger. You should also consult the relevant section in the Tidy Towns Handbook where you will find useful information and

practical tips.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Within the village there is a good distribution of litter bins and no sign of litter.

The school car park has a disappointing mound of building debris and litter in the corner closest to the village.

## **TIDINESS**

The Village centre sign post needs to be refurbished and cleaned. The street lighting is small modern fittings placed on timber poles. The telephone box was fine. Some weed around the kerb stones. At various points close to the village the grass verges have been cut but the cut grass was not collected leaving a somewhat untidy appearance. The box mentioned in last year's report is still in front of Smiths Shop although the footpath itself looks quite well. Out on the Finea road towards the old school the bridge is quite weeded. The old school is in a bad state of disrepair.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There is some nice housing around the village. The house beside Smith's Supermarket needs repainting. It is heartening to see some new building works taking place and the repainting of the Bridge Inn and the house on the opposite corner on the Ballyjamesduff Road.

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

From the Finea and Virginia sides the village sign and its planter on the left is overgrown with weed. At the 30mph sign the verges have been cut but look somewhat untidy. There is some building debris left beside the ESB transformer building. Road surfaces are generally very poor. The boundary fence fronting Smith's Garage with its large frontage is still a problem and should be screened with suitable hedging. The bridge has a lot of weed growing along its base

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Mounthugent is a village of outstanding potential. Your relationship with the Local Authority should be addressed to ensure its interest and the interest of the Mounthugent community are satisfactorily resolved.