

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **REDHILLS**  
County : **CAVAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	22
The Built Environment	40	25	22
Landscaping	40	23	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	10
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>150</b>

## Redhills , Co.Cavan

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The village looks very well with typical estate layout around large grassed triangular green featuring water pump at its centre.

The Committee are to be congratulated on the achievable list of works to be completed during 2001. Some of the works were ongoing but there were clear indications that Redhills is preparing itself to reach high marks in the competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Redhills is a triangular village with the main built area along the Cavan Road side of the triangle. All the housing here is very nicely presented with each of the 9 fronting the green dressed with flower baskets, window boxes and/or potted flowers . The footpath is fairly new, clean and tidy. The post office presentation could be improved. McCaffreys Pub facade has a little paintwork damage. The frontage on Kelly's shop is very good but the first floor windows are plastic. There is an intriguing small church nicely painted white on the Cavan Road and close to it an interesting display of old farm implements in front of an old workshop. The workshop frontage is a bit untidy with pallets. The Garda Station is presented very well with fine garden and floral display both inside and out. St. Brigid's church is cleanly presented with a tidy car park and trimmed lawn. The school is nicely presented with lawns and shrubs and it appears very clean and tidy.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The road surface is good. The public lighting is of a style suited to the village ambience. Wires have been ducted so there is virtually no wirescape. The old wood wall has been restored save for a small extension close to the well presented dilapidated house. The wall's corner at the Cavan road entrance has a new flower bed which is nicely planted and extends along the wall towards the dilapidated house. On the opposite corner is another bed which again is beautifully presented with an attractive display of colourful flowers. The committees wish to have an 'open' ambience certainly succeeds. The overhanging trees from the demesne and at the Belturbet exit are every much part of the village ambience. The entrance to the football field avenue is nicely dressed with a planter of flowers set against a shed and ESB pole. The avenue needs resurfacing. The Cavan entrance has a tree in a white planter and grass area with floral display. Closer to the village there is a floral planter to the left and a water pump surrounded by railings to right. The entrance to the estate has a nice floral display. The Belturbet entrance has village sign in flower planter, cut margins and new trees planted in verge left and right.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The open area beside Kelly's shop is now a nature reserve with a full array of wild flora. It requires interpretation of what flora and fauna can be seen. The front fence may require preservation. The

hedgerows surrounding the village provide a natural wildlife habitat

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Your litter control programme is working very well as on inspection day there was no evidence of litter.

## **TIDINESS**

Presumably the builder's material and trucks placed in front of the dilapidated house by the side of the green is a temporary arrangement. The Redhills car sales appear to be taking advantage of the tidy towns effort in parking their sale cars not only in the parking area opposite the premises but also on the grass itself. This should be discouraged. There is a dilapidated house to the left of the Belturbet Rd. exit from the town. Some election and other fly posting on poles.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The margins around the bungalow residential district of the Belturbet Road are nicely presented with cut grass and newly planted trees. Features include small shrubbery to the left of the bridge. The rubbish bin on the bridge was quite full. There is a variety of housing on each of the entrance roads. Most are well presented with well maintained gardens.

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

New walls being completed along the Redhills Demesne and 'work in progress' rubble and machinery in evidence on the Scotstown Road. The entrance has an attractive Redhills sign in a flower bed. Margins are cut and the entrance to Redhills House is attractively dressed with flower pots. The 30 mph sign is broken. The Scotshouse corner of the green is introduced by a tree and planter of flowers in the centre of the triangular road entrance. There are colourful flower planters dressing the roads around the green. McMahon's shop facade looks quite well with a nice array of shrubs and roses along the wall of the Playboys Inn at the Belturbet approach. The back of McMahon's Pub could be screened to block off views of outhouses etc. Each of the lamp standards has a floral display at its base. The footpath along the estate wall looks very well.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Redhills is progressing very well in the competition. There are commendable signs of community commitment to the continuing improvement of the village. Well done!