

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **COILL DUBH**  
County : **KILDARE**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	21
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	16
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>165</b>

## **Coill Dubh, Co. Kildare**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Coill Dubh is a tiny village in a rural area but one which is well placed in terms of amenity, being close to Donadea Forest amenity development and having a golf course in the village itself. Not many villages have access to such fine amenity features. Sign posting should be placed in the village for the forest amenity. We did not receive a copy of your planned work programme this year. It is difficult to make meaningful progress without one. We note that you wish for the inner roads to be widened to accommodate heavy vehicular traffic, this is unusual in a residential area where the needs of the pedestrian should be paramount. Perhaps you can keep us informed regarding your progress.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The credit union building and its grounds are impressive as is the church building. The school and its grounds are reasonably well presented, however the pendulous Birch tree would be shown at its best if the shrubs, long grass and dead weeds were taken from its base. There should be nothing here in order not to detract the eye from the beauty of this specimen tree. The wall of the school needs to be refurbished. A commercial premises out the road beyond the Golf Club needs upgrading to its roadside façade and curtilage area.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Green areas to the roadside of housing estates are beautifully presented with well maintained grass areas, informed choice of plants / shrubs, young, semi-mature and mature trees and carved namestones. The mature Sumach trees must be very beautiful in Autumn and Winter, the adjudicator is tempted to revisit in these seasons to see their seasonal displays.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The meadow of red poppies in the field located across from the car park to the Golf Club were visually stunning. The hedgerow from the crossroads to the village should be reinstated to enhance its value to wildlife and the wire and post fencing could be planted with new hedgerow to improve its appearance and to offer a wildlife habitat.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

For a village of its size, litter control could have been better in Coill Dubh. There were outbreaks at the Newsagents and Post Office and at the top of the Coolcarrigan road. Your litter management strategy may have to be revised.

### **TIDINESS**

Weed growth was noted along footpaths and in the curtilage area of Wards Service Station and that of the shop at the top of the Coolcarrigan road, the latter was undeveloped. It is important to remove grass cuttings as these can become unsightly when discoloured.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Estates are being well managed in most respects, however weed growth along kerbs is a problem. Namestones were admired. Be vigilant regarding curtilage areas also.

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

Approach roads had been cut to their roadside verges but roughly so and did not look particularly attractive. Some items of street furniture were in need of improvement, i.e. some litter bins, public seating and the water pump. The Golf Course overflow and visitor car park is underdeveloped and adds nothing that is visually pleasing to Coill Dubh.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Coill Dubh is a village with much potential to be more successful in the competition but you do need to take a planned approach.