

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOHILL**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	15
Litter Control	40	19	17
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	186	179

Mohill, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Mohill Tidy Towns Committee would appear to have established a good working relationship with Leitrim County Council and this is highly commended and essential for the complete implementation of your new 3-year development plan. Partnerships are most desirable and your objective in this regard should be to strengthen your link with state agencies and harness greater support at community level. The comprehensive plan has now given you a clear focus and identified a wide range of activities that will enhance further your progress in this competition. Thank you for the excellent map with support documentation – this was most helpful to the adjudicator.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many buildings on the Main Street still need freshening up and the greater use of window boxes and hanging baskets should also be encouraged. The new health centre at Castle Street is taking shape and the use of natural stone for the boundary walls is much appreciated. Churches were well presented and St. Michael's Boys School, Bank of Ireland, Michael Crossan, Kilranes and Planxty Maguires also deserve a mention. Whilst most buildings were looking good the need to improve the presentation of some buildings on the Main Street still remains.

LANDSCAPING

The planting on the river bank in front of Aras Carolan was most pleasing and the generous display of hanging baskets and window boxes was colourful and helped in no small way to brighten up the streetscape. Gaps were noted in the shrubbery beds near the R.C. Church and require attention. Open green areas were well maintained and the little flowerbeds at the base of trees were eye-catching and most colourful. The major road/footpath developments at Castle – Water Streets provide an opportunity to integrate the planting of trees and this should be considered. Some nice and attractive landscaping on approach roads is highly commended by this adjudicator. An improved performance again this year – well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your 3-year plan does not include a wildlife project and this is most disappointing. Perhaps your Committee would, in time for next years work programme, consult with a local wildlife expert and identify an opportunity for progress under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good on adjudication day despite an inadequate supply of bins – some incidental litter noted on Lower Main Street, near the Carolan Monument and at Plaxty

Maguires.

TIDINESS

Mohill was looking most tidy on a sunny summer afternoon except for the major redevelopment programme currently taking place at Water Street and Castle Street. The Environmental Education Officer will play a major role under this heading and the appointment of Community Wardens is also a step in the right direction. The comments relating to neglected and derelict buildings still apply even though some improvements were noted. Further improvements to footpaths and the availability of organised off street parking should also improve your rating under this heading.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some nicely presented residential properties on all approaches to the town. This adjudicator was highly impressed with Dr. Caddens House and a large detached period house on the same side of the road nearer town with nice gardens, mature trees and colourful planting. Cappagh Housing Estate continues to look well and Ashbrook House was neat, tidy and attractive.

The completion of new housing estates is awaited with interest, hopefully, landscaping will be carried out in line with planning requirements and no building materials left on site.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were well presented, some with well cared for verges and flowerbeds. As already mentioned the re-development programme at Water Street/Castle Street and the improvements to footpaths at Hyde Street will enhance greatly your performance under this heading. Monitor the presentations of street furniture at all times and freshen up signposting. A greater supply of litterbins is also recommended.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your new 3-year plan is most welcome, however, greater involvement at community level will be required to undertake those projects that are not the responsibility of the local authority. You are progressing well in this competition – keep up the good work.