

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **REAGHSTOWN**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	30	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>205</b>

## **Reaghstown, Co. Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Reaghstown is very welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. One of your objectives for the coming year should be to have signposts erected in the surrounding countryside for the village as it is particularly difficult to find from Tallanstown. A signpost should be erected in Tallanstown and at the appropriate turn out the road from Tallanstown. You should also ask the Council for a set of nameplates. The existing timber ones are attractive but you should have Council ones also. It is good to note that you are working in conjunction with FAS and the local County Council. It is also good to note the amount of voluntary work that is undertaken within the community. Reaghstown is set against a backdrop of gently rolling, low hills and enjoys a rural character and ambience.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Danny Boy Inn is an important focal point with the Church in the village and it is nicely presented and landscaped to its roadside edges. The car parking area could be resurfaced and lined and perhaps further landscaped to break up its large bare space. The Church must look stunning when flood lit at night, it looks wonderful today on adjudication. Pay attention to side and rear areas of properties also.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Flower and shrub displays on approach roads and in the village centre are very impressive and are a credit to those responsible. The extent of planting is phenomenal for such a small community. A word of caution, do avoid non-native species such as the Cordyline located across from the Danny Boy Inn. Young trees on approach roads and in the village centre on grass verges appear to be well established. The water pump amenity area located across from the Danny Boy Inn at the new house is a nice touch. Well done on the maintenance of grass verges on approach roads and in the village. Picnic areas at both ends of the village are admired for both their design and layout as well as their presentation. The display of flowers and shrubs together with young trees is breathtaking, well done! Some banks under hedgerow in the village centre could be replanted with a ground cover plant or perhaps stone faced.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The entrance to Westerns GFC sports grounds is being nicely maintained. Construction work appears to be on-going here. Is there a threat to wildlife? Are protective measures necessary? The graveyard development is being maintained to a high standard, where stretches of Hawthorn and other hedgerow are a wonderful habitat for wildlife.

Perhaps you could undertake a species survey to promote awareness.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is excellent. Do give us some information regarding your litter management strategy as these can earn additional marks.

### **TIDINESS**

Reaghstown is a tidy village overall. Do keep an eye out for weed growth at the base of walls and in curtilage areas and ensure that all building materials are removed when construction work has ceased.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The new house under construction across from the Danny Boy Inn is another important focal point in the village and, no doubt when work has been completed here, its curtilage area will be nicely finished also. The residential development of single storey dwellings is beautifully presented, well done!

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

It is good to note stone wall building. Any future work of this kind should be done in the traditional way with stones in vertical rather than horizontal alignment as is common throughout the country. The new car park is nicely landscaped. As plants mature they will make a significant contribution to the appearance of Reaghstown.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Reaghstown is a charming village with an ambience of tranquillity which stands in contrast to the nearby busy N2.