

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ASHBOURNE**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Ashbourne, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your submission which included a report on your achievements during the past year. The submission should include a brief long-term plan and a schedule of completed works. This plan will be of considerable benefit to the group in formulating a long term plan for the village. It will also help the group monitor their progress on a yearly basis. The group have actively co-operated with local community and business interest groups, and with the local authority.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The village consists of a main street which is surrounded by a large number of suburban housing estates. The built environment of the main street is bright and cheerful and consists of a range of nineteenth and twentieth century public and business buildings – many well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The village generally was attractively landscaped with trees and planters. The Millennium Garden and the Nine Mile Stones are excellent features. Work is underway in improving river and this should produce good results in the future.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river offers the basis of providing an interesting range of wildlife and natural amenities.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter is still a problem in the village and along the approach roads. This was less of a problem in the residential areas, where small areas of localised litter were noticed.

### **TIDINESS**

The central area of the village and the surrounding housing estates were tidy and well maintained. Despite the large amount of building work going on, disruption to the village environment is minimal.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There were a large number of housing developments around the village. These were generally very well presented with new houses, attractive gardens, and nicely presented green spaces, planting and trees.

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

The approaches to Ashbourne are interesting within themselves, as they seem to be constantly changing in

response to the growth of the village. The approach- roads were generally good with the edges well managed, and comprising of trim margins, tidy hedges and trees. The margins in some sections of the roads were however unmanaged and untidy.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Ashbourne is a dynamic village constantly under change and this is reflected in the bright and tidy image of the village centre.