

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BATTERSTOWN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	34	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	34	31
Tidiness	20	16	14
Residential Areas	30	21	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	216	200

Batterstown, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your submission which included a development plan for 2001/2002, also a very comprehensive map. The group have been extremely active indeed, and have co-operated with local community, business interest groups and with the local authority.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village is made up of a range of nineteenth and twentieth century buildings. Considerable work has been undertaken on upgrading the village fabric - most of this in a sympathetic fashion.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping has played a major part in the work of the association and this has paved handsome dividends. The flowers, planters, trees and sculptural elements, laid out along the village axis are excellent. In addition, the village signs are very distinctive and very attractive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Wildlife and nature projects have the ability to attract extra marks in the competition. In this context, it is interesting to note the forthcoming children's wildlife project.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no visible litter anywhere in the village, except for the old cemetery which is currently being worked on. The practice of allowing schoolchildren the responsibility for litter control and awarding of prizes is an excellent one.

TIDINESS

The village was neat and tidy. Special mention must be made of the management of the building site and the presentation of the mural. It is to be hoped that the mural will have a permanent home later. It is good to note that work has started on cleaning up the old cemetery. This feature and the adjoining hill-fort are vital elements in the village history. Thus, it is important that they are appreciated and well maintained.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing in the village is attractive, well maintained and equally well presented - particularly Church View.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to the village were splendidly managed with well cut margins, planting, trim hedgerows, walling and trees.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Batterstown Village Enhancement Association have worked hard and produced wonderful results. They have gone a long way in their aim of remaining one of the most improved villages in the county.