

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RATHMOLYON**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	191	189

Rathmolyon, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your submission which included a five year plan. The submission should include a simple map of the village and a schedule of completed works. The group is very strong and have actively co-operated with local community interest groups and with the local authority.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Rathmolyon consists of a small village laid out around the central cross-roads, with an extremely wide main street. In addition, the village has a range of fine historical and natural features. The village fabric consists of a recently restored Church of Ireland church, a thatched pub, and a range of nineteenth and twentieth century houses and business premises. After the church, the thatched pub is the most prominent looking building. Unfortunately, it is very much in need of painting.

LANDSCAPING

The village has an excellent picnic area, good stone walling, a range of planters and baskets and a village green. The latter is strategically sited at the cross roads, and could benefit from some weeding. The area around the church car park is inclined to be bleak and would benefit from landscaping and tree planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village has yet to address the provision of wildlife and natural amenities. Perhaps the newly dedicated 'rath' site or the 'grotto' site could act as a focus.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was almost free of litter, except for the end corner beside the church, where there was a considerable amount of litter.

TIDINESS

The village was neat and tidy. However, it tended to look dull, probably because of the extent of the grey paint around the village. Some new coloured paint work would brighten up and improve the visual environment. The corner vacant site, at the crossroads, could benefit from tidying up.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The village houses were all well maintained and presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach to the village offer well presented margins, stone walling, hedgerows, trees and attractive signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Rathmolyon is an extremely attractive village with an active and successful development group. Future developments might include an extension of the landscape in the village street and some painting of the fabric. In addition, the group might consider the possibility of marking the motte-and-bailey site.