

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TRIM**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	--
The Built Environment	40	32	--
Landscaping	40	32	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	--
Litter Control	40	23	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	212	--

Trim, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks you for your submission. This included a development plan for 2001, photographs and a detailed map of the town. The Group should consider preparing a long term plan for the town. 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 been extremely active during the year and have co-operated with local community and business interest groups and with the local authority.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The origins of Trim can be seen in the magnificent town castle and the extensive range of medieval buildings and features which lay around the town. The great bulk of the town fabric, however, consists of well maintained eighteenth and nineteenth century vernacular buildings – although the town has a rich stock of Victorian buildings. In addition, a range of new residential housing estates have been built around the edge of the town. Generally the public and private buildings around the town are very well presented. The town castle is a significant asset and tourist attraction. In view of this, the establishment of a medieval walking trail, taking in some of the other medieval features of the town, would be worth considering.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping provisions around the town were excellent and included green areas, hanging baskets, flower boxes, planters, and trees – all wonderfully presented.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river offers considerable opportunity for the development of natural amenities. Perhaps a programme of this sort could be incorporated into the castle car park.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the town and along the approach roads seems to be working well, as only small areas of isolated litter were noted. The exception was the area around the castle car park where there was extensive litter.

TIDINESS

Despite the on-going building work, the approach roads, the central area, and the residential sectors of the town were generally neat and tidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas were generally well presented, with neat houses, attractive gardens, landscaped open, and tree planting.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to the town, particularly the Dublin road, offer a good introduction to the town. The latter features well managed margins, planting, stone walling, hedges, trees, and attractive greens. The designated disabled parking area overlooking the castle is an excellent feature. The remaining approach roads are not up to the same high standard and a number of unmanaged margins, areas of weeds and poor footpaths were noted. The condition of the secondary streets of town were tidy, with some magnificent garden presentations. Other places could, however, benefit from tidying up, painting and landscaping.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Trim, with its historic buildings, attractive atmosphere, and excellent landscaping, offers an example of a delightful streetscape. Great credit is due to the Tidy Town Group for the part they played in achieving this. The provision of disabled parking around the town is very noteworthy. However, in one instance the disabled parking bays were being utilised for car repairs.