

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ARDAGHEY**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	20	20
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	13	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	5	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>156</b>

## **Ardaghey, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The village enhancement plan that you have commissioned will be a useful guide to your developments over the coming years. The very large committee of 23 means there will be great opportunity to progress with plans. There is a lot of work to do as you have only recently become involved with the competition. This is an interesting time for a small village as the strides that can be made at the early stages of development can be quite significant.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The small number of buildings in the village means that each building attains a great prominence and thereby contributes to the overall appearance of the village. Every effort is important. The church looks very well and the carparking is well and neatly organised. The community centre is a fine building and the carpark and surrounds are well tended to. The proposals to develop this carpark a little are interesting as is the concentration on focusing on the cross road. The corrugated iron building along the road from the church is unsightly and the hopefully something can be done to remedy this. The timber post and rail fence opposite the church is pleasant.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The numerous items of landscaping that you have created such as at the community centre and church and the container plantings that have been done all add to the well cared look of the village. The beech hedge at the church was a good choice and the shrubbery to the side of the church is attractive. Work done on roadside verges gives the village a well cared for appearance. A number of gardens contribute well to the overall landscape of the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It would be nice to isolate an area or a walkway where nature could be observed and studied. Perhaps there is a nearby laneway or stream that could be adopted as a source in this regard.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is a very good level of litter control with a very clean appearance especially around the church and the community centre.

### **TIDINESS**

The village has a tidy appearance. This is greatly due to the efforts of the committee who have seen to detail and presented a very tidy picture especially at the church and

community centre.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

With the small number of residences each house and garden plays a significant role in the presentation and there is good work being done.

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

The roadside verges are well kept with attractive hedges maintained. The simple formula of hedges, grass and trees is perfect. The need to look after railings, fences and walls along the roadsides is also important. Tree planting is always important. Choose some of the trees that are already present as mature specimens. Ash and Sycamore trees tend to do very well.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A impression of great spirit and enthusiasm is evident. There is a long road to go to achieving the results you set out with but the journey can be as enjoyable as the achievement of the end goal