

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **EMYVALE**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	8	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>214</b>

## **Emyvale, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The map and the explanatory notes attached were very helpful in identifying all the places in Emyvale. There is considerable development in progress in Emyvale and a very busy flow of traffic through the town. This places additional pressures on the town. A five year plan as requested last year would be a very useful tool to pinpoint all the objectives and an action plan and time scale could be applied to all projects. Very good work has been done to date in attaining the level of achievement that pertains.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Again this year, the Oratory, Silver Hill factory, McGees and the County offices look very smart and set a good trend for the town. Many buildings are well presented and painted . It is good to see the building of houses right in the centre of the town as it avoids the effects of ribbon development and helps to build a community spirit. The disused factory like building on the Mullan road with its neglected entrance is not attractive and hopefully a remedy will be found to this. Also the site opposite the County Offices would benefit from some attention. The leisure Centre is looking well and there is a very good general level of building presentation along the main street. The back of the pub as revealed at the riverside area is a little disappointing.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There are many nice landscaped areas in and around the town. The roadside area on approach to Silver Hills is very nicely planted and maintained. There are also nice presentations on roadsides. Individual gardens play a major part in the overall landscape of the town and surrounds and good credit is due to homeowners for this. On the Mullan Road there are many fine houses with well furnished gardens making an attractive sight. The area at the oratory is nicely treated. The riverside is a pleasant and relaxing place and a good amenity. At the children's play grounds and car park some disruption is occurring due to building in progress.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The riversides and the lake are the two obvious areas for development under this heading. At the river side the sign board was noted and it was good to see children playing about there enjoying the facility. Further progression at the riverside would be interesting. The lake offers interesting opportunities and developing good access will be important.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was noted in a number of locations in small quantities,

both on some roadsides and at the OAP housing. The problem described in your notes about dumping is alarming.

## **TIDINESS**

There is a good level of tidiness in Emyvale and one can see the very organised approach to the town. At present there are a number of building projects which hinder the tidiness but these are of a temporary nature and will be resolved. Examples of this are the building programme at Market Lane and at Glaslough Road. The county council yard on the Mill Road continue to be a difficult spot with the storage and road surface state.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are beautiful residences on the Mullan Road and these are well kept and well presented. New housing off the main street will hopefully get finished well. It is important to keep a watchful brief on developments to ensure all the proper finish is in place before the site is left and that includes all surfacing, footpaths, tree planting and grass laying. The estates on Market road and at Lakeside are well cared for in general and it is good that individuals maintain their homes and gardens well as they contribute greatly to the overall effect.

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

The approach roads are in very attractive condition and the hedges, verges and walls look extremely well. With some midsummer hedge trimming taking place it might be advisable to check the legislation in regard to hedge trimming as it relates very importantly to wildlife conservation. The Mill Road and the Mullan Road both need attention to surfacing, the former by far the more attention.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The approach to Emyvale gives a very attractive impression the streetscape and the building development off street is good. The riverside park is a nice relief at the end of the street and hopefully the lake will figure more prominently in future years.