

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INNISKEEN**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	32
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	212	209

Inniskeen, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application and the map that accompanied it. As was mentioned last year a plan is needed in which goals or objectives can be identified. This Plan would outline a timescale for the implementation of various objectives. This would help to form an overview of all the work performed to date and would enable a more measurable way of monitoring developments for the future. It is clear to see that there has been very good work performed in the village and the great emphasis on Patrick Kavanagh gives a special character to the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new church is a very interesting building and contrasts well with the round tower and adjacent church. The Patrick Kavanagh Resource centre is another fine building and a great asset. The amount of stone walls within the village and on approaches are a very strong point. The grotto on the entrance road is attractive. The McNello premises is a beautiful example of stone building, unfortunately the adjoining white buildings are a detraction. Magees is also very well presented with the pleasant area outside on which seating, container planting and lighting is all well presented. The carpark at this area requires attention as does the island border which needs to be completed. The old stone railway bridge is attractive and the landscape work to either side is tasteful. The football grounds require some attention in regard to wall painting

LANDSCAPING

There is great effort evident in the overall landscape of the village with many fine gardens which can be enjoyed from the roadside. Great credit is due to those who take such care with their gardens. The church grounds make a great contribution to the landscaping with its very nicely planted and maintained grounds. There is an unsightly pile of soil opposite the church beside the two sets of terraced cottages. The roadside tree planting is good although more ash and sycamore tree planting would be welcome. The area around the old tower and church are well presented as is the Fane Park children's playground where the pleasant setting of tree surrounds makes this a nice sheltered spot.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Fane river walk is a lovely feature giving very good access to the river and riverside landscape. It is nice that this walk connects with the round tower and the pitch and putt. Some more tree planting of ash and sycamore should now be planted for the coming generations to enjoy and there is ample space for this. Roadside verges have a

wealth of natural vegetation and the hedgerows form an important part of the village scene. All ways in which these natural facilities can be availed of should be encouraged.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a very clean appearance to the village and litter control is very good. A small amount of litter was spotted in places including at the seat in the Fane River walk. Also some litter in the river.

TIDINESS

There is a very tidy appearance in the village with so many places well presented. The road surfaces are very broken in places. The old petrol pumps by the "Hut" need some cleaning. The stonework gives a tidy appearance to the village. The railings at the school needs some attention in regard painting. The old garage next to the telephone kiosk gives an untidy impression.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are many individual houses along the roadsides which are well maintained and have attractive gardens. These contribute greatly to the village appearance. The housing estate at Dun Ard needs some attention at the approach to wall painting. The entrance to the football grounds from this side could also be improved somewhat too.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entrance roads are long and well tended with good grass maintenance and attractive walls. The wire fence at the river bridge needs attention. The signage is well presented and the many signs relating to Patrick Kavanagh are prominently displayed and easy to follow. A stretch of roadside opposite the community centre needs attention in relation to nettle removal

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Inniskeen is an impressive village where there is ample appreciation of the natural environment through roadside vegetation and river walks. The Patrick Kavanagh emphasis is very interesting and gives added character to the village. It is obvious that there is a good community spirit present which has enabled all the development to take place.