

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWBLISS**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	177	175

Newbliss, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The map supplied with the application was helpful in identifying the areas within the town. Your list of targets and plans for the coming years is very ambitious and it is great to see such progress planned. Having identified so many places that need improvements it is important to monitor progress so that a measured approach can be taken and adjustments to plans and time scale can be made where needed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The streetscape developments are very significant and the paving, lighting and attention to buildings are helpful. The cleared site of the derelict building is becoming a little untidy and hopefully new ideas will emerge here. Some buildings and outside wall will benefit from painting. The Darragh Boats premises is very prominent and soon would benefit from painting. The Stags Inn looked well as does the lodge beneath the church. The church is an attractive asset. A lot of new paving has been done. The building of houses at the Castle Avenue developments needs to be monitored so that the finish to the roadside is completed properly. The storage yard on the corner below the Stag Inn needs attention - the rails are poor. Nice wall construction at the start of the Clones Road was observed.

LANDSCAPING

There are a number of nicely presented projects under this heading. The cart at the top of the town in particular looks well and the streetside containers will improve with time. The grassed area at the church on the Clones road looks very well. Gardens contribute greatly to the over landscape of the village and good credit is due to those who maintain their gardens well. There is ample scope for tree planting on the main street and it would be good to see more tree planting generally around and about the village. There are many fine old lime, sycamore and ash trees. More of these should be planted where possible for continuity to the next generations.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As yet there is no utilisation of the amenity value of wild life in the area. The point is noted in the submission that you intend getting advice on this matter which is a very good idea.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was evident on the Clones Road, this seemed to be associated with a refuge heap in a field which was blowing about. This requires attention. Generally there was not a

problem with litter on the main street.

TIDINESS

The village name signs coming into the village needs attention. The wire and post fence at the corner at the start of Monaghan road is untidy looking.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas are well kept and credit is due to individual homeowners for their effort in this regard. Some attention to the painting of outside road fronted walls may be needed in places.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are attractively cared for with scope for the natural vegetation to flourish as well as having a cared for appearance. The wooden roadside fences are very attractive and far superior to post and wire fences.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is an air of improvement in Newbliss. There is a long way to go and the plan drawn up will be very useful as a guideline. The main street looks well on entry especially with the removal of overhead cables. Extra tree planting should now be a priority along this street.