

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TYDAVNET**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	27
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	20	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	7	7
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	16
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	166	157

Tydavnet, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The large membership of the tidy towns committee is very encouraging and with almost a third of the community represented great progress should be possible. Construction work in progress is evident in the village and this needs a little time to blend in to the surrounds. The report prepared for the Tydavnet Development Association is comprehensive and the recommendations set out the way forward. It is important to review progress and to alter the action plan and its time scale otherwise when dates are not being met one may become despondent.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The prominent buildings of the village are St. Dymphna Church and school and now the restored old national school form the backbone of the village. The provision for the gates at this building was noted. Individual homes are well presented and the stonework of walls adds to the beauty of the roadside.

LANDSCAPING

A number of gardens contribute well to the overall landscape of the village. The roadside bank plantation near the junction for Scotstown had not been completed but the area was prepared. The yellow containers at the Emyvale junction show enthusiasm but their appropriateness is questionable. The grounds of the presbytery are well planted with all year round subjects. The school grounds are disappointing following the newly painted walls to the roadside one finds the school looking very drab and with the grass on all side very neglected. One beneficial consequence of this non cutting of the grass is the array of lovely wild flowers displayed at present including wild orchids. The cemetery is well tended. The containers used for plantings through the village are unique and confer an interesting aspect.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The walkway by the cemetery is a nice feature. As stated above the wild flowers in the front of the school grounds are attractive at present. Consider possibilities of developing further under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was in good order and this is a very good achievement. Constant vigilance is needed as small amounts of litter accumulate at predictable spots.

TIDINESS

The new footpaths give a certain tidiness to the village.

There is a little finishing need in some places. A heap of rubble at the roadside close to the cemetery lane needs to be removed. The work at the Emyvale has worked out well and gives this junction a nice finish of tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small number of houses are well presented and interest and care are evident. A very positive contribution can be made by individual house holders by the manner of upkeep of their homes regardless of the tidy towns effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new arrangements as mentioned at Emyvale junction are well done. The roadside footpaths are also helpful. While the concrete paths look very white at present when this tones down they will look more fitting. The roadside murals at the school are interesting and an uniqueness to the village with the St. Dymphna connection. The wall painting of yellow and blue is very smart. Roadside verges on approach roads are attractive with such a richness of natural vegetation.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Tydavnet is an interesting small village with a great commitment to progress and improvement of the village and surrounds. The monument at the Emyvale junction and pump add to the character of the village.