

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CORTOBER**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	18	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	15	15
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	5	4
TOTAL MARK	300	146	142

Cortober, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cortober is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition, thank you for your completed entry form. It is important that a work plan be completed, perhaps looking forward for the next three years, setting out yearly goals and to encourage further involvement by the wider community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

A lot of building and road works were being undertaken on adjudication day when these are fully completed it will improve the general appearance of Cortober. The sheds at the railway station are still unsightly and require attention. A number of properties still require attention and the owners should be encouraged to improve them or at least paint their exteriors. Some of the business premises are making an effort and look well.

LANDSCAPING

A number of properties have flower boxes and flower beds in full colour which add to the character of Cortober. The landscaping on the embankment at the railway station looked well. Some landscaping on private residences has been undertaken, however more still requires to be done. When the major development works are completed hopefully some landscaping will be undertaken and this should help the streetscape of the area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Cortober lends itself due to its location to an abundance of wildlife, especially with the River Shannon. Signage outlying the various species found in the area should be considered.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some evidence of litter on adjudication day. Additional litter bins might help, however with all the developments in the area it will take an effort to tackle this problem.

TIDINESS

With a number of derelict sites and the scale of roadwork's being undertaken in the area the tidiness of the area is greatly affected. Additional screening at the ESB station and yard should be considered, some tree planting has taken place, however more should be considered.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of private residences are well maintained and the use of flowers and plants is to be commended, there are

still the odd private residences requiring attention. The new Glenpatrick housing estate looked well, perhaps the planting of some trees in this area might be considered,

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to Cortober due to the road works require attention, the Elphin approach road still requires some cutting back, the hill road to and from the bridge is in a bad condition and urgently requires repairing. Side and rear entrances, and open spaces need to be monitored and kept tidy and in the odd case better screening provided.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The new Cortober signs look well and help provide the area with its own identity. A three year work plan should be generated, the village is progressing in the right direction, keep up the good work, but watch the weak areas especially, open areas and neglected properties. When all the new developments are completed we believe Cortober will be in a more positive position to increase marks even further in the Competition.