

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DYSART-WESTMEATH**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	21	22
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	19
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	168	166

Dysart, Co. Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is rewarding to see the continuance of development work under the five year development plan. The 2000 millennium stone sets a point of interest in the cut grass area which connects the three main entities of the village, the bridge, Keenan's Lounge, and the Church.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The presentation of village buildings needs considerable attention. As indicated in last year's report, shop front sign at Keenan's pub needs to be refurbished, as the building holds potential to present as an attractive focal point commanding a presence at the junction of the Castletown and Athlone roads. The shop at the Mullingar end of the village is also in need of restoration work and could contribute more positively to the appearance of the village. The phone kiosk has been vandalised with a number of broken window glasses, and the post box had slipped down its supporting pole to ground level.

LANDSCAPING

Good work continues to be done on landscaping throughout the village. The Church car park displays an attractive series of flower beds which have been extended by cut stone planters in front of the adjoining house. The Church grounds are well maintained, but gates could do with painting. The cut grass areas are developing nicely but some additional attention should be given to the water pump feature, the shop car park, and the area around the telephone kiosk. The stone wall in this area is a good addition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village maintains a very natural ambience supported by the indigenous hedgerows, wildflower and grasses. It was good to see the stile access to the river at the bridge which should encourage the nature trail potential of this area. It forms part of a trail which could be better exploited. Excepting a 'hard to find trail pillar sign', there was little or no amenity sign posting. Barbed wire fencing at riverside not conducive to amenity use.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally, the village had good standards of litter control, but some difficulties still exist in the telephone kiosk area and beside the millennium stone. Litter bin at telephone kiosk was almost full.

TIDINESS

Generally, the village had a tidy appearance. However, there is evidence of weed growth in the shop car park and along some boundary walls. A safety barrier placed close to the bridge has left a fairly scarred verge which requires attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas are for the most part well presented. There are

some problems with two derelict sites which need to be addressed, both on the Castletown Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roads were well presented but require more definition where they meet the cut grass areas. The village nameplates could be highlighted by grass cutting and floral or shrub dressing, the Castletown Road sign was completely overgrown. Pathway in front of shop is damaged.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Much has been achieved in the village but the impression is that greater community support for the committee is required. Keep up the good work, your improvements continue.