

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULTYFARNHAM**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	25	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	193	186

Multyfarnham, Co. Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Multyfarnham is an extremely attractive village with beautiful stone facades and a well maintained streetscape. In this year's application, you make no reference to planned future developments. You might consider further developments to the river area, which is a beautiful natural amenity, but at present, very overgrown and somewhat inaccessible. I would also encourage you to continue the renovations begun on the old forge. It was very overgrown at time of inspection.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All the shop fronts in the village are beautifully cared for. Weir's pub looks magnificent with its stone facade, colourful hanging baskets and well maintained paintwork. Murtagh's pub is also nicely painted, has beautiful window boxes and a lovely beer garden decorated with gorgeous flower tubs. An Tintain Restaurant and Guesthouse, with its striking purple paintwork and stone facade is most impressive. The school is very well maintained with beautifully manicured grass and a good variety of trees which are well laid out. One of the flowerbeds was overgrown and needed some attention, however. The church looks very well, but the grotto needs to be weeded. The Garda station, while clean and tidy, needs more flowers to brighten up its dull facade.

LANDSCAPING

The beautiful park opposite the church is the focal point of the village. It is an extremely attractive recreational space with flowerbeds, semi-mature trees and a seating area. The path running through the park needs to be weeded, the grass edges trimmed and some of the flowerbeds need attention. I would also recommend that you plant more trees here, to shield the park from the road and make it more secluded. There is also a nice landscaped area at the turn for Bunbrosna, but it has been let go a little. The grass needs to be cut and old overlying grass should be removed. The grounds of the Franciscan Abbey are excellent. There are wonderful floral displays and the grotto is particularly impressive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Lough Derravaragh, 2km from the village is a great natural amenity. There is a lovely drive down to the lake surrounded by overhanging trees. There is a very well maintained caravan park on site with picnic benches and a shop to meet all basic requirements. The park is landscaped and there are boats for hire on the lake. A jetty was under construction at the time of inspection. The area is litter free and very popular among visitors. The GAA pitch on the Crookedwood road needs some work. The area around the pitch is very overgrown and littered with old clothes.

LITTER CONTROL

Multyfarnham does not suffer from a litter problem. All bins were

clean and tidy and emptied regularly.

TIDINESS

Some of the paths in the village need to be weeded, particularly along the kerbs. There are some discarded traffic cones on the road heading towards the school. The graveyard is in very good condition but the skip in the corner needs to be emptied. The telephone box on the main street is very clean.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of residential housing is quite high. There is a beautifully restored stone cottage opposite Weir's on the main street decorated with colourful flower boxes. There are lovely floral displays in homes on both sides of McGovern's garage. There is also a nice house coming in from the Bunbrosna road just before the fork, which has a very well laid out and colourful garden. There is a green area at the housing estate on the Coole road however, which is completely overgrown and needs to be looked after.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges on all approach roads need to be cut back. These are very overgrown at present and in some cases the road signs are obscured. Consider planting flowers at the base of the nameplate on all approach routes, as it creates a good impression. Sign posting within the village is a little confusing with so many signs attached to one signpost.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall, Multyfarnham is a very attractive village, well maintained and cared for by its residents. Congratulations to everyone involved in its upkeep.