

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **COLLON VILLAGE**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>202</b>

## **Collon, County Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

Many thanks for the map and the information. If possible could you include a summary of activities carried out in the past year and also information on your future plans. This gives the judges an insight into the development of the village and an idea of its strategic focus. Areas that should be considered include litter management plan and a wildlife plan.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

John Walter was well presented and had lovely sash windows. They might consider a more traditional approach to signage when the time comes to replace the sign. The sign at Donegans (orange and black) does not suit the old style of the premises. The Church gates needed repainting though the church itself is neat. Perhaps some red flowers in window boxes would cheer up the exterior. Both the wall and the bollards at Parc Mattock required repainting. The Pitch and Putt is a great amenity- it is pity about the state of the pre fab. The railings of the Church of Ireland church needed some attention.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Incidental planting throughout the village looked well and some people have made an effort to provide flowers. The rural nature of the village lends itself to both formal and wildflower planting and this should be considered where possible. The square is a lovely feature of the village and is well maintained. The houses at Papal Drive had made a huge effort and there was a fine splash of colour here – well done.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENTIES**

This section requires attention. The provision of a Sli Na Slainte route should be considered and this could also include a nature walk/ trail around the village. The proximity of the abbey could be a possibility – perhaps a walk in this vicinity could be considered.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was a scattering of litter on the main street on the day of the adjudication. There is admittedly a huge volume of traffic and it must be difficult to keep clean. Further bins are required and perhaps some notices as littering is an offence. There was also some litter in the carpark at the community hall. Further vigilance is required under this section.

### **TIDINESS**

The village itself was quite tidy though pockets e.g. around Pairc Mattock, and in the carpark of the community hall required attention.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The small row of cottages opposite the Friary are very nice and part of the inherent architecture of the village. It is hoped that the new apartments that are to be built will be in keeping with the rest of the village architecture. One of the houses on the village square is being reconstructed. The judges look forward to the end result. The other houses looked exceptionally well. The residences on Papal Drive were well presented. The trees at the new development on the Tinure Road will mature nicely though a number of them needed attention or replacing. There was a lovely stone house on the Drogheda Road and some of the houses on the side road to Pairc Mattock have made a great effort.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach from Ardee looked very well and is a nice approach to the village. The Drogheda Road was reasonable though a directional sign for Derry needs refurbishment or replacing. The Slane Road was fine – the dip down into Collon provides a nice vista of the village on this approach.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Collon is a pleasant village – it is very busy and this must have an impact on the effort required to keep it neat and tidy. Concentrate on the wildlife section of the competition as it is here that valuable marks can be gained in the future. Best of luck with the work.