

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **THREEMILEHOUSE**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	35	32
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	208	202

Threemilehouse, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The committee has demonstrated a committed interest in their village and your co-operation with local bodies is an example of this. Under this heading the committee are requested to submit a proposed work programme incorporating the various aspects of the competition headings for the village. A clear and concise 3/5 year working plan, outlining achievable targets for the committee, both focuses your objectives and sets the scene for the adjudicator.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The first impression of the village is a nicely presented collection of homes and buildings. The Church, in its very focal position looked, neat, tidy and well maintained, as did the school and most of the commercial and public buildings.

LANDSCAPING

Throughout the village, a lovely mixture of bedding and perennial planting provides colour and content for the whole year. This planting greatly enhanced the whole village. Similarly the landscaping on the approach roads presents a lovely first impression and welcome. The new tree planting and fences were noted and look well. As mentioned in last years report, the village is fortunate to have plenty of space for further tree planting and it should be considered as an investment for the next generation growing up in the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The committee has an important role in preserving and suitably enhancing the natural environment within the village. The school grounds are a possible location for a project under this heading. Open green areas, hedgerows, trees and the riverbank offer additional opportunities for such amenities. Get appropriate help and advice from local experts and try and involve the school children in your plans. The river, while tidy, was somewhat discoloured and foamy and this might need some investigation.

LITTER CONTROL

It is good to note you gather your litter daily and this effort is effective with practically no litter evident in the village on the day of adjudication. Your bins were plentiful and well maintained. However there was some litter at a burning point in full view at the side of the shop on the way to the church and this looked very unsightly. The committee could also consider a schools awareness project as part of their plan under this heading.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of the village was one of general tidiness. An untidy open area close to the tractor garage with abandoned vehicles was noted. Some screening in front of the garage would be very effective.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many well maintained homes on the approach roads and in the village had lovely gardens, hedges and lawns and flower features. This colourful landscaping combined with some tidy green areas and paving, enhance the whole village. Well done to all concerned.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the roads had tidy grass verges and hedges, these combined with tidy railings, good footpaths, and walls contribute to the presentation of the whole village. However I would like to reiterate last year's adjudicators point re: the timing of hedge cutting. Perhaps the committee should consult the Tidy Towns handbook (page 110) or the ENFO handout regarding the care of hedgerows and their contribution to conserving wildlife. The village should also make some appropriate representations regarding signposts for the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Threemilhouse is a pleasant place to visit, with the pride, enthusiasm and hard work of its residents evident. Well done to all.