

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	22
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	17	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	20	15
Tidiness	20	8	9
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	150	146

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for entering the 2002 Tidy Towns competition. A more detailed map indicating perimeter of Cortober and any features of interest would be of great assistance to the adjudicator in assessing work in hand. An outline work plan with photos of work in progress by the committee would be very helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Lunney Mitsubishi motor forecourt appeared to be dug up and muddy. The canopy over the forecourt area is in need of repairs. The area around the house next door to the garage could also do with some improvement works. The telecom Eireann building perimeter wall is in need of redecoration and some flowers to break the mundane look. The railway station with its wrought iron railings etc. is the most attractive building in the locality and determined efforts should be made to retain this gem including the pedestrian footbridge.

LANDSCAPING

The area between the Railway station and the bridge needs some attention in terms of landscaping.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Proximity to the River Shannon is a unique feature of the area. Emphasis should be on the conservation and enhancement of the natural features available to the committee. As part of your overall plan a listing of what the wildlife of the area consists of and what are its habitats could be the start of a long-term conservation plan for the betterment of Cortober.

LITTER CONTROL

Low level of litter in general. Some litter obvious around the base local telephone box along with weeds. Being a very wet day, some litter had blown into the areas between footpaths and roadways. An idea as well might be to note the litterbin locations on the map provided and incorporate a replacement programme for litterbins over a 5-year period to the most attractive available.

TIDINESS

Overall impression not one of tidiness. Near the 13' bridge sign near railway station sign for town centre totally overgrown with weeds. Next door to Mace convenience store is an untidy area that detracts from Cortober.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some individual properties look very well. Self-catering property external perimeter wall could do with improvement on upper road. A number of properties are making an effort and are to be commended. The Glen Patrick estate needs "softening" at this stage with planting of some native trees and the roadway into the estate is in need of repair.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads in the locality appear to be suffering from over usage by heavy vehicles perhaps as a result of all the building going on in the general area. There were a good deal of potholes in evidence in the lower area of Cortober where the new apartment blocks were being built opposite Lunneys.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A cohesive plan implemented in a phased basis would do much to improve the quality of the area. In particular, approaching predominant business premises in the area and requesting their co-operation and continuing with a programme of upgrading the urban village will pay dividends for the committee and the local community in the long term. Keep up the good work.