

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SCOTSTOWN**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	163

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the excellent notes and map submitted with your plan and also for the Ann O'Leary development programme. This will help you focus much more concentratedly on the work in the years ahead and should bring very good results.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is a new category and Ann O'Leary's suggestion of a bog garden on the Bog Road is an excellent idea. The river meandering as it does so close to the village would make an excellent wild fowl area and you could consider either or both.

LANDSCAPING

The village remains a very attractive area and your very clever use of the rough granite for your welcome signs and your name signs with that same stone used in other flower beds is imaginative and different. Well done on this.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your village green deserves less plastic and more genuine shop fronts, more cohesive centre as is proposed by Ann O'Leary. The factory outlets remain reasonably good, particularly the Rossmore Factory, however, the first factory outlet on the Knockatallon Road wants further screening. The health centre was candidly a disgrace and your Health Board should be contacted regarding this.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no serious level of litter evident on the day of adjudication and your excellent rubbish bins throughout the village area were noted.

TIDINESS

Here a combination of unswept paths and gutters combined with poor road services are mitigating against you doing well. Pay more attention to weed control at gutter level, notably in the area at the community hall and the cemetery walls and on the Bog Road in front of some of the houses immediately as you enter onto that road.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The private houses, as ever on the Tydavnet Road and the Bog Road were exceptional. It is lovely to see the copper beach hedges maturing in front of the houses on the Tydavnet Road. The terraced housing's gardens were not presented as well as they might have been! Why not have a competition between the residents here to encourage individual effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entry roads were genuinely excellent and you are to be congratulated on this. The "30 mph" signs on the Bog Road were in extremely bad condition and the County Council should replace same.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a town which with a new focus given to it by the Ann O'Leary report will go much further again. Congratulations on your work to date.

