

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MONAGHAN TOWN**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	10
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	2
Landscaping	40	10
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	15
Tidiness	20	4
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	2
TOTAL MARK	300	99

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The approach of Monaghan to the Tidy Towns Competition is best typified by that unfortunate tree on top of the Obaslick. For the third year running it has been noted and it is still there! If the town wishes to improve in the competition it must galvanise the business community and the residents of this prosperous place into action. The Urban District Council is doing its best but the towns advancement in the competition needs a significantly broader approach.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Other towns and villages in Monaghan would give their eyeteeth for an amenity such as the town lake. Previous adjudications have highlighted its neglected state and this judge can make no exception. It was appallingly littered and a shame to see beautiful Mallard and Scooters making their way through the debris of an indifferent community. Please do something about them.

LANDSCAPING

Many areas of Monaghan have been laid out very nicely, notably on the road improvements on the circuitous routes around the town. Unfortunately, this has not been followed through in other areas. Nice planted areas are neglected, weeds are growing at the base of planters, and there was no colour to be seen this year. It is a shame again to see beds that should be maturing nicely instead of being neglected.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Four Seasons Hotel and The Hillgrove are to be congratulated on their very nice presentation. Premises such as the roundabout and Andy's continue to impress, the Presbyterian Church was very nicely done, Agri - Health and I. J. M., are to be congratulated, notably the latter for the fine screening. Unfortunately, many derelict auto motive sites and old warehouses are detracting from the overall impression of what is a pretty prosperous town.

LITTER CONTROL

There was considerable litter in every area of the town, although, it must be said, not as much as in previous years. It is unfortunate that despite street sweeping being in progress at the time of adjudication, the population clearly are not supporting the Tidy Towns effort.

TIDINESS

Lovely pink seating was noted throughout the town The Urban District Council are to be congratulated on their bravery in picking this colour! Unfortunately as is clear from other elements in this adjudication, tidiness does not come through. There was nasty fly posting on premises at the Dawson Street/Market Road corner, the forecourt of the Cathedral was quite weedy as were many footpaths.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A number of housing estates were particularly impressive, notably the new ones past The Hillgrove Hotel, Beach Grove Lawns and the Old Park Court development. Some lovely planting was also evident at the new estate close to the E. S. B. sub station on the Cootehill Road

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entry roads were, generally speaking, tidy and made a good impression, although signs were somewhat obscured, notably on the Armagh Road by hedge growth, But nonetheless a overall good impression as you come into the town. Back areas of the town still give rise to problems, notably the street where the Garda Barracks are and some of the areas around the Market House which are

becoming neglected and will lead to further problems in years to come if remedial action is not taken now.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

If Monaghan is to have any prospect of a more successful future in the competition, the community must get its act together otherwise the efforts of the U.D.C. will come to nought