

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWTOWNCASHEL**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	46	45
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	26
Litter Control	40	36	36
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	35
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	265	261

Newtowncashel, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Exemplary. The imagination and enterprise as shown in your submission is accurately reflected in what is to be seen in the locality. This will be a short report because the superlatives have been said on many occasions. Only recently completed works will be referred to, and also one or two comments in relation to small improvements which might be made.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The landmark Church, the School, the neat Health Centre, the pretty Heritage Cottage, all contribute. The Post Office and shop and the pubs are well maintained, though Flynn's is perhaps a little less so than the rest.

LANDSCAPING

The whole of Newtowncashel is an extensive tract of first rate landscaping. Strong wooden fences leading into meadows, hedges bounding fields, stone walls containing nooks of seating and planting, and the whole drawn together by well mown verges. Shrub planting was noted – there appears to be year-round colour - though it was not quite clear what new ivy was referred to; however, we may be sure it is there. The sculptures add unusual interest.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The hazel planting at the Quarry gives absolutely the right touch: congratulations to whoever thought of that. The whole cliff, rock, pond, sculpture, planting and sward has a primeval and almost mythical look, and not at all prettified. Young climbers were admired on the stone walls. The signposting is a bonus. Young trees were noticed.

LITTER CONTROL

There was hardly any litter on adjudications day – congratulations.

TIDINESS

It was good to see no graffiti or postering. Weed growth was virtually absent. The GAA grounds deserve commendation – in some centres the surrounds of sports grounds are problem areas. A gate near Hopkins' is in need of painting.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Newtowncashel is residential throughout – there are no housing schemes. It was good

to see the use of stone for boundary walls at new houses.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces are good. There seem to be no unpleasant corners. Signposting is much improved – in the past it was difficult to find one's way around the numerous bye-roads of the neighbourhood.

OVERALL IMPRESSION

Newtowncashel is a kind of Irish Arcadia – but Arcadia does not happen without a lot of hard work and firm planning. Congratulations again on your remarkable efforts and results.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (02/08/2002)

Newtowncashel was a pleasure to visit for second adjudication. The village is presented to a magnificent standard and features a lot of original creative work. The Amenity Park at the old quarry was a great source of enjoyment and is of course, under consideration for the 'Wildlife' and 'Landscape' awards. Congratulations on a job well done! The 'Casserley' premises looked wonderful. The wall adjoining the 'Solicitors' premises could be upgraded a bit and as noted in previous years the 'M. Flynn Bar & Grocery' could be improved also. The old style gates beside the 'Hopkins' premises may be worth refurbishing as they may have been forged locally. Well done on the new location signs, the village is now much easier to find. Residential properties are being nicely maintained, the one with the display of nasturtiums on one entrance together with the one at the top of the road leading to the school were especially admired.