

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LOCH GOWNA**
County : **CAVAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	28
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	213

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Loch Gowna is obviously determined to do better at a national level within the competition. Your hard work is beginning to pay off and it is great to see you taking advice from previous adjudications. You should now make a plan so that over a three or five year period you can set in train the necessary steps to achieve the ultimate goal. This should be prepared in consultation with your community and local organisations (County Councils, R.T.O., etc.) whose support for its implementation will be important.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This new category within the Tidy Towns Competition is ideally made for Loch Gowna. Your response to the lakeland environment of your village, your bird sanctuary and your utilisation of lakes for environmental and amenity purposes are to be commended. However, much more can be done and could yield you extra, valuable marks in this category in years to come.

LANDSCAPING

Well done on planning and implementing so many improvements. Your beautifully filled flower bed and the resting area near the Church of Ireland were noted, as were the picnic area on Swan Lake and the very substantial stone wall developments within the village. Well done on all of this.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your Post Office has, as has been previously noted, set a benchmark for shopfront development in a village such as yours. This has been complemented by the pubs and other shops within the village. It was good to see the Aircell Factory so neatly presented. The churches of all denominations, were neat and it was particularly pleasing to see St. Patricks old school being cared for following last year's adjudication. Well done on all of this.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was not a major problem on the day of adjudication and your high scoring reflects this.

TIDINESS

Generally speaking there is an air of tidiness and smartness about Loch Gowna. On the day of adjudication road resurfacing was taking place and it is to be hoped that this will be followed through with a full repaving plan by the Local Authority. Some kegs and other rubbish were evident to the rear of some of the hostelrys. Please look to this, as an improvement is necessary.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Since the whole village is essentially the residential area, scoring within this section is not a problem for you. It was good to see windows painted out on some of the derelict buildings, this was an excellent response often promised elsewhere but seldom achieved.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approaches were generally quite neat and tidy and the town itself presents very well front and back.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Loch Gowna is a town that will go places at a national level if it chooses to. Focus yourselves, give yourselves a plan and anything is possible. Look forward to visiting seeing Loch Gowna again!

