

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LAHINCH**
County : **CLARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form outlining your intentions and problems. You do not mention if you are working to a three or five year plan. If not, you should draft such a plan that will outline how you can progress further on a phased way.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This new section asks you to give consideration to promoting wildlife in your area. The abundance of wildlife in and around Lahinch should now be exploited by generating an interest in same. Such a development would also have a beneficial effect for tourism with specialist interest. If you contact your local I.W.C. Officer he/she will be happy to give you advice.

LANDSCAPING

You have done well in this section and much of previous years work continues to enhance. The widespread use of flower tubs, hanging baskets, window boxes, and numerous private displays give the town a colourful image and this is commendable. You still have an opportunity, in association with Clare County Council to further develop some landscaping at road junctions and entry points.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The many public buildings throughout the town are well presented. In particular hotels are very well presented with a high standard of painting. You also have some very attractive shopfronts that are attractive in presentation. Development of commercial buildings should be encouraged to keep the design and materials appropriate to Lahinch as a resort destination. There are a couple of buildings with excessively loud signage which is a pity.

LITTER CONTROL

Once again you have performed well and litter was well controlled, except for a couple of areas on approach roads that have been neglected. The promenade was very well presented including the picnic area behind the wall - well done.

TIDINESS

You still have a great deal of dereliction and many unattended open spaces that are presenting an image of untidiness. You have had this problem for many years, and consequently your marks will not progress in this section until you tackle overgrown open spaces in particular.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of houses and maintenance of same are very good throughout. Station Road housing is quite overgrown with weedgrowth in the gutters - these should be sprayed in May. The estate also needs a name plate. The white boundary is the exception at this area - could the rest of the boundary walls get similar treatment for 1997. The new holiday homes development on the Miltown Malbay approach will need good landscaping treatment if they are to blend in well on this important approach.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Side and back entrance are now an integral part of the competition and you need to impress upon trades the importance of presenting side and back entrances to a high standard - for instance the view from the

car park of The Aberdeen Arms is looking into several back areas of houses on the Ennistymon approach. You also have traffic problems in Main Street with parking on both sides of the street - could you not limit to one side parking only and free up the main street. Some signage needs cleaning and painting, including speed limit signs. The Welcome sign on Ennistymon approach is well designed and effective. The Gold Club and complex is well presented. No progress yet on the fenced in corner site opposite O'Looney's.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have maintained your standard and the town, though reasonably crowded, was well presented on adjudication day. Continue to encourage regular painting with bright colours. Try and extend the standard of Main Street to other areas throughout the town. Long-term, you will need to place the overhead E.S.B. and Telecom cables underground. Good luck for 1997.