

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONMANY**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	144

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As the remaining two members of the Clonmany Tidy Towns Committee are in the process of handing on the Tidy Towns campaign to the Festival Committee, developments for the future have been put on hold. The response to the Tidy Towns Committee from the community at large has been minimal and as stated in your report the main obstacle to their efforts has been apathy. Hopefully, the new committee will receive more support from the residents of Clonmany and we look forward to the future with interest. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the questionnaire. A map would also be of benefit.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Committee have undertaken no scheme under this heading this year, however, as suggested in several previous reports a riverside walk or nature trail should be considered in any development which the new Committee might put forward.

LANDSCAPING

The Church grounds and graveyard as last year are well maintained. However again as last year, litter and some dumping noted behind Church wall. The Church wall will need freshening up for next year. The school grounds and the grounds of the Community Hall had been cut and were very presentable. Grass and weeds were growing from walls and paths in the vicinity of the bridge. The Garda Station had one nice stone flowerbed; however, the one opposite was overgrown and needed attention. The neglected green area beside the Fireplace Centre is still untidy. Thanks are due to the premises throughout the village which had lovely displays of hanging baskets, flower tubs and window boxes. Some residents do care about Clonmany's Tidy Towns efforts.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many of the public buildings in Clonmany are very well presented. The Catholic Church, the school, St Marys Hall had all been nicely painted. As last year, the P.O. is still maintaining its high standards and the Health Centre had an extremely neat appearance. Renovations were being carried out on the National Irish bank buildings and this will certainly improve the streetscape. (Well done!) The Market House is, as pointed out in your report, a unique feature for Clonmany, and its restoration together with the removal of the dereliction in the vicinity should be a priority for the new committee. The stone flower bed here is completely overgrown. Some of the commercial buildings also caught the eye were McFeeleys Bar (nice sign!); The Square Bar (nice window boxes); Comiskey's; McCauleys and the Vintage Inn. The Garda Station could do with some freshening up. As mentioned last year, McDonalds should devise some colour scheme for their buildings.

LITTER CONTROL

There was a lot of litter again in the vicinity of the telephone kiosk. Litter was prevalent on the bridge, in the Market Square and near the Church. The red litter bins are very prominent throughout the village and for the new committee another priority. Litter very visible on the Northern approach.

TIDINESS

The centre of the village is reasonably tidy with a neat appearance. The car park is still unsightly and badly needs resurfacing. The area surrounding the telephone kiosk is poor; two broken seats and a broken water pump and as already mentioned lots of litter. The condition of this mitigates against the fine buildings which are in the vicinity. Some of the footpaths also need attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The estate overlooking the village had a bright and colourful appearance. Nearly all the houses were brightly painted. The green area needed grass cutting. A good effort by the residents. Cherry Hill Cottage still has its hanging baskets and has some fine treeplanting and floral displays. Some spectacular houses and gardens on the Ballyliffin and Bunrana approaches.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general the approach roads were reasonably well presented except as last year the Northern approaches were noted for unkempt verges and litter. There is a nice new development on the left of the Bunrana approach, new group of houses and presumably a factory. The small new graveyard here is very presentable. The large green shed and the untidy garage forecourt take away from the Ballyliffin approach.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The effort by the existing small Tidy Towns Committee has suffered from the general apathy shown by most of the local community. A new Committee is now taking over, we wish them success. Total Community involvement is necessary if they are to succeed.