

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LOUGHANURE**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	15
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>160</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You have taken on board, successfully, many of the recommendations contained in last years report. Well done! Now that you have established a good working relationship with the Community you should promote the idea of a 3 - 5 year work programme. Strengthen your relationship with Local Authority, FAS, Regional Tourism etc. An improved performance this year has been rewarded. Keep it going.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Access to the lake is poorly presented and needs up-grading. Untidy verges, bad road surface and unsightly buildings are the main problems. The lakeside amenity is also in need of further attention - a broken seat is in need of repair and weed growth is developing. A litter bin should be located here. Signposting of angling is commendable. Your 3 - 5 year work programme should include the identification of wildlife habitats, suitable nature walks etc. In this regard invite your local environmental experts to get involved and provide you with the specialist information you require. Loughanure has a most scenic location with a rich environment which can be exploited in the interest of the Tidy Towns effort.

### LANDSCAPING

Some private houses are presented well under this heading, however, in general greater use of planting of trees and shrubs in selected areas is required consult with the Local Authority and Coillte who will be in a position to offer expert advice and guidance. Open spaces are in need of attention - the greater use of flower tubs and window boxes should be encouraged. Landscaping is not an attractive feature of Loughanure. However, opportunities to improve should be identified and taken on board by the committee.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The College still needs up- grading. The adjudicator was very pleased to see work had commenced on improving the presentation of the pre-fab building in the college grounds. Congratulations to all concerned. The new restaurant is also eye-catching and neatly presented. Siopa Eoghan and Crain an luir also looked well. Your comments regarding Siopa Rosaleen have been noted and your efforts to resolve this problem are commended. Do persevere - hopefully the owner will respond. Frontages of many properties still need attention and the grass and weed growth at the base of walls should be removed.

### LITTER CONTROL

Despite an inadequate supply of litter bins, litter control was very good, except for incidental litter on the access road to the lakeside. An improvement in the presentation and type of litter bins used is recommended.

### TIDINESS

The untidy appearance of the forecourt areas of some properties is damaging your efforts under this heading. Some open spaces also have an appearance of neglect and should be looked at. Graffiti on the village nameplate (Crolly Road) was also noted. Give forecourt areas and open spaces (centre of village) a priority rating in next years work programme.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

You are performing very well under this heading - in general most residential properties are looking well. The many attractively landscaped bungalows/houses on the Meenamara Road deserve special mention -

all concerned are congratulated.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Verges on the major approaches to the village had been trimmed and were presented well. As already mentioned the access road to the lake needs attention. Also the areas outside boundary walls/fencing should be monitored on a regular basis to contain grass and weed growth. Village nameplates need cleaning and should not be obscured by overgrown hedging.

An abandoned car on the Dungloe Road should be removed from view. A village renewal programme would be of great help under this heading - perhaps it is something you should discuss with your Local Authority.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

An improved level of co-operation from the community is encouraging and the restoration of old thatched cottages is highly commended. You must now consider the importance of a 3 - 5 year work programme and set up a sub-committee to implement the recommendations contained in the programme. This will make your task a lot easier and allow for co-ordinated effort which will expedite further progress.