

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **AUGHRIM-GALWAY**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	26
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	169

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You have not submitted a 3/5 Year Plan. Having identified the areas needing attention, it is essential to devise an overall plan with specific targets for each year. Co-operation with the Local Authority and other Bodies is necessary.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You do not seem to have initiated any wildlife activity. May we suggest you invite local Environmental experts to advise you on the gathering of information on the local habitats of animals and birds and the identification of wild flowers. This is a project that could be undertaken by the Teachers and pupils in the School.

LANDSCAPING

You are to be complimented on the planting of trees and shrubs and the provision of stonefaced flower planting displays. The West end of the Village is especially beautiful. The flower planting at name signs is particularly impressive and creates the right initial impression. Eternal vigilance is the motto regarding approach roads.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Interpretative Centre, as always, was neat and tidy with well maintained flower tubs. However, when parking the car one is confronted with an untidy looking open space with high grass. Hillside Nursing Home is a joy to behold with excellent flower planting at the base of the sign. The Aughrim Inn was very well presented with items of old farming machinery and the flower filled cart. The Pump was brightly painted with the attractive stonefaced flower bed. Hynes, Durkan & Dillons are examples of what can be done to enhance the village. Finns Bar with its flower baskets, street furniture and litter bin is highly commended. Restoration work at the Church of Ireland, with its famous stained glass window, will be a certain visitor attraction when completed. St. Catherines Church and the School were neat and tidy. The Hall was well presented with its attractive wine flower tubs. The area around the G.A.A. grounds was untidy and needs attention. The Health Centre was neat and tidy. The Telephone Box with its flower tubs and seating was delightfully presented. Attention must be paid to derelict buildings.

LITTER CONTROL

Aughrim was virtually litter free on the day of Adjudication and residents obviously have a great and deserved pride in their Village.

TIDINESS

Tidiness does not merely mean the absence of litter! Where there is weed growth near boundary walls the overall effect is spoiled. There is also a derelict building carrying the outdated sign Calor Gas Stockist. Have you a Recycling facility in your Village?

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A key factor in the Adjudication Criteria for 1996 is evidence of the involvement of the whole community in caring for the environment. One way the residents could contribute is by keeping their homes neat and tidy. Imagine the transformation if every householder produced a hanging basket or window box at their property. Aughrim can boast of some excellent individual efforts which greatly enhance the area.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The importance of approach roads cannot be over stressed. It is the visitors first indication of what to expect - and whether to drive on or stop in the Village. You are to be commended for the care given to approaches. There is some work to be done on the bridge near the Patrick Hogan Monument. The road leading to the Church of Ireland is overgrown and untidy. Attention must also be given to open areas.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Aughrim is a lovely Village and much progress has been made with stone all restoration, new footpaths, landscaping and tree planting. With the excellent Interpretative Centre you are guaranteed visitors who will certainly be encouraged to enjoy the delights the Village has to offer