

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLEGGAN**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	158

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your Committee has not submitted a Development Plan to cover the next 3/5 years. Forward planning is essential and plans for long term projects should be made known to the local community. Setting a target - and achieving it - brings a sense of pride to all concerned.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No mention of the Archaeological sites recently discovered around Cleggan. Similarly, no reference to the variety of sea birds and wild flowers in the area. Why not invite your local environmental experts to advise you. It is important in any future plans for your Village, that consideration to given to access for the disabled.

LANDSCAPING

Your questionnaire mentions the landscaping at the back of Olivers Pub and slip area. Also a new flower bed in the centre of the Village. Congratulations on your achievement. In the area at the rear of Olivers there is much scope for improvement. At Maggies Take-Away there are weeds plus discarded car wheels and general rubbish. The area opposite along the Port bank would benefit from the planting of shrubs. The new flower bed near the Port entrance is very nice but covered in weeds. It was good to see the bilingual signs but what a difference it would make to have them surrounded with flowers rather than overgrown with weeds. Hedgerows are also overgrown.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Newmans Bar, Joyces Bar, Olivers Restaurant & Wine Bar, Craft Shop, Kings Supermarket and the Post Office are worthy of special mention. Individual householders are also commended for their hanging baskets and flower tubs. The Local Development Information Office needs much attention. Is it in use? There was litter and rubbish near the door entrance - and the entrance gate was buckled and rusty. The grounds generally are unkept. Seats need to be painted and repaired. The swings are in a state of dereliction. If the sign Inish Bofin - Dun Aengus is a derelict sign, it should be removed. If not, it needs to be re-painted. Last year's report mentioned that the playground area looked a little sad and the door of the telephone kiosk was missing. Twelve months later the story is the same. The Village Pump still needs a coat of paint and some floral decoration.

LITTER CONTROL

There was a scattering of litter in the Village on day of adjudication and the slipway area had a share of tins and bottles. Extra litter bins will encourage use thereof.

TIDINESS

What appears to be a boatyard - gable wall has writing in blue and green - looks untidy. The field alongside Joyces Bar was untidy. Have you any plans for recycling facilities? This facility will focus the attention of your community on the need for recycling materials and improve the environment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally good but constant encouragement should be given to home owners to keep their premises and gardens in good order.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Village approach roads were overgrown. Ever thought of a Welcome to Cleggan sign? Areas off the beaten track need careful monitoring.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cleggan is a beautiful Village but it can be further enhanced with a little effort from everyone. Please try to involve the younger members of the community. Have you ever considered a Junior Tidy Towns Group based at the School with the co-operation of Teachers?