

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONBUR**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	156

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You have not submitted details of your 3/5 year Work Programme as suggested in the Adjudication Criteria. Your links with local traders, FAS and the Council Officers is of the utmost importance. Together you should endeavour to draw up an overall programme of works with specific yearly objectives.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Details of wildlife in your Village will benefit both locals and visitors. Why not ask your area Environmental Officer to advise you on the collation of information on the habitats of animals and birds and details of local wild flowers? It would prove an interesting project for School children. Consideration should be given to the possibility of Amenity Walks and Nature Trails - properly signposted with access for the disabled.

LANDSCAPING

The new flower bed at the Presbytery is a great asset. Stone faced containers at the base of Village signs create a good initial impression - and first impressions are lasting. You are to be commended on the flower planting on the Cong approach.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You are to be commended on your task of returning the former Church of Ireland building. A Cultural Centre there will be of immense benefit. Be vigilant for derelict sites as these detract from the general overall beauty of your Village. The Church and School were very well presented and the surrounding areas neat and tidy. Business premises were for the most part attractively presented especially The Fairhill Guesthouse, Matt OSullivans, Kynes, Joyce & Rogan, Burkes and the Jet Petrol Station.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication the two litter bins in the Square were overflowing at 12.45p.m. Arrangements for emptying on a daily basis may be required. But generally the Village was bereft of litter. Seek the help of local traders in providing extra litter bins.

TIDINESS

Clonbur is a neat and tidy place but attention should be focused on the control of weeds along footpaths, walls etc. Home owners should be encouraged to keep the fronts of their premises weed free.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Ó'Dun Mhuire complex for the elderly is delightful. Particularly appealing is the cut stone sign. The area was being landscaped on the day of adjudication. Residents are to be congratulated on the presentation of their homes, nicely painted with hanging baskets and other floral decoration. A key factor in the Adjudication Criteria for 1996 is evidence of the involvement of the entire community in caring for the environment. Encourage all home owners to make their contribution.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surfacing is generally in poor condition, especially when compared to the new surfaces at Ó'Dun Mhuire and the Graveyard. Approach roads are very important as they provide first impressions. The grass is high on the Cornamona to Clonbur approach. The Cong approach was neat and tidy and the flower planting is to be commended. The Cloughbrack approach had also received attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall presentation of the village is good. Steady progress is being made in improving the general environment. Continue to encourage home owners to maintain their property to a high standard.