

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ATTANAGH**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	33
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	167

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The relationship with other bodies seems to be fruitful; it is good that you have a FAS employment scheme. You ought to forge links with the Regional Tourism Organisation as well if you have an appropriate project, such as the rehabilitation of the Mill. The map is one of the clearest we have received this year.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A nominal mark is being given this year to those committees which have not properly considered this new heading.

LANDSCAPING

The planting along the Durrow road was coming along well on adjudication day. The picnic tables and surrounding mowing and planting were extremely effective - a charming amenity. Flowers on the old railway bridge were imaginatively sited. Keep up your efforts in tree planting - there is nothing so effective in the long term and the wonderful mature trees will eventually require replacements coming along. Grass cuttings and hay, whether roadside or in private property, should always be removed immediately after mowing.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church of Ireland is the main building of importance in the village, as it is the architectural centrepiece; if it is completely disused some way should be found of maintaining it which is acceptable to the Church authorities; it would be disastrous if it were allowed to decay. It is not possible to comment on the ruined mill until a plan has been drawn up.

LITTER CONTROL

There was virtually no litter on adjudication day. Congratulations.

TIDINESS

The village was fairly tidy, with the exception of some weeds and roadside rubble mentioned below.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most houses are well cared for, both in and around Attanagh. It is a pity about the problem of the derelict sites, as they make an obtrusive impact in a small village. The house (old school?) with the beech trees on the corner opposite the Church is beautifully presented; the old Rectory is handsome.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfacing is fair. Verges of approach roads were reasonably trim. A laneway south of the Durrow road had an untidy entrance and a lot of weeds. Rubble (near the church entrance) should always be removed from sites as soon as possible. Stone walls were very favourably noted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A pleasant and picturesque village, where problems are gradually being overcome.