

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLOUGH**
County : **LAOIS**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	36
Tidiness	20	16
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is good to read of the extensive fund-raising activities in your answers to the questionnaire and of your positive relationship with local bodies. The FAS scheme should be very valuable. Your map is very clear and was helpful on adjudication day. (Incidentally - and not for marking - signposts are few in the neighbourhood and at least one seemed to have been turned the wrong way! - in other words, it is very hard to find Clough).

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A nominal mark is being given in this category in its first year to committees which may have not yet had an opportunity to consider its scope.

LANDSCAPING

Planting at the church, the school and along a wall opposite a well-kept farm yard was much admired. Other floral displays are most attractive and give a real 'lift' to their situations. The graveyard is particularly well looked after and is a living link with the past. (Too often, graveyards are either neglected or over-regimented). There is wonderful mature timber in the neighbourhood; in your future planning there should always be a place for the planting of hardwoods as eventual replacement for existing trees.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Church, parish hall and school are well kept. The recently painted railings at the former were favourably noted. The derelict house is unfortunately located at a very conspicuous point in the village.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no discernible litter on adjudication day. Congratulations.

TIDINESS

As a result of the absence of litter, because kerbside and other weed had been dealt with and as there were no unsightly signs or wires, Clough was very tidy indeed. New fencing or boundary walls might be a priority to bring the village up to a very high standard of neatness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private homes were well looked after, many with pleasant gardens. The use of climbing plants and creepers was especially effective.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

One of the name signs needed washing or painting; the new ones looked smart. There are fine walls at the corner shop and at the house opposite, where there is also good planting. Post-and-wire fences might be gradually replaced in your long-term planning, ideally with stone walls but equally effectively with beech or thorn hedges, or sturdy wooden fencing.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The whole neighbourhood has an air of prosperity and good husbandry.