

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TIMAHOE**  
County : **LAOIS**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	18
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	36
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>173</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The support given by the local organisations with fund raising and practical help, as described in the answers to the questionnaire, is very impressive indeed. Co-operative effort with the official bodies, and the FAS training scheme, is obviously very positive. On next year's map, please show clearly all the projects which you have accomplished or which has been ongoing over the preceding twelve months. It is unlikely that adjudicators will miss any of them, but marking them on the map will act as a surety.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The clearing of the area behind the Round Tower is a great improvement. More directional and information signs might be provided in this historic location.

### LANDSCAPING

There were no flowers at all in any of the beds in the centre of the village on adjudication day, though the beds had been well prepared. If the planting of annuals is a problem, why not concentrate on perennials and shrubs, as these give sustained satisfaction. Trees planted on the green some years back have come on splendidly, and the green was beautifully mown. Good tree-planting in the past along the Carlow road was almost swamped by weeds.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church, with its railings and grounds, was very fine indeed, with a particularly delightful display of roses. The Health Centre appeared to have been recently painted, and very smart it looked. The derelict site near the bridge, though partly obscured by planting, still remains an eyesore in this sensitive location.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good throughout.

### TIDINESS

Broken bits of fencing near the bridge, which would take one person a few minutes to move, seem to have been there for some time. Grass verges were untidy in several places on approach roads.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Older established houses were well kept. A blue-painted house on the green was particularly attractive. Window boxes and flowering tubs at several private residences were most attractive. The housing estate at the top of the hill was unremarkable.

### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

First class stone wall building was continuing on adjudication day - this is an excellent project, and its completion will be eagerly awaited. The Timahoe sign on the road to the south needs complete replacement. Street surfaces were poor in some places - this has probably been pointed out to the local authority, but clearly one has to be persistent. Approach roads should be trimmed at least from the name-signs. The verge between Church and graveyard was untidy, in contrast with the excellently kept graveyard itself.

### GENERAL IMPRESSION

A very attractive old village with a rather disappointing achievement this year. Other centres seem to be

improving more rapidly.