

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LOUGHILL WEST**  
County : **LIMERICK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-96

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 27           |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 15           |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 21           |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 21           |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 21           |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 9            |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 19           |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 24           |
| General Impression             | 10           | 6            |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>163</b>   |

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

From your detailed response to the questionnaire you would appear to have a good working relationship with the relevant local statutory bodies. For next year's competition it is important to have formulated three to five year plan of action for your town in order to give yourselves a positive objective for resolving the problem areas within the community. The seventeen strong committee is a fine size for a village of Loughill's population!

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wild pink roses and wild daisies on the school road looked very well. The stone bridge is an attractive feature of the village. Perhaps the best approach to this issue of wildlife/natural amenities would be to contact local environmental groups and experts who could advise you and provide you with the information you need to tackle this broad-ranging issue. From there you can then identify the wildlife habitats of your area and see what varieties of animals, birds, fish and plantlife these attract. Involve the local schoolchildren in this project-they will hopefully bring a fresh enthusiasm for the wealth of wildlife in their locality.

### LANDSCAPING

There are, thanks to the grant money received by you, an abundance of new stone walls throughout the village, which look marvellous. The new trees to the Glin road and to the car park area opposite the church were also admired. There was a planted bed in progress near the sign to the garden centre, surrounded by a wire and concrete post fence. The exquisite stone planted bed in front of the fire post with its display of snapdragons and pansies was greatly admired.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Paidin Beag's pub looked fresh and cheerful in a mustard colour with dark blue surround and red windows and doorframes. Relihan's Foodmarket had some magnificent window boxes but the plastic sign should be removed. The plastic sign to Elm Fireplaces is also quite inappropriate and out of scale. The church was quite fresh and the grounds were beautifully maintained. The school is nicely set amongst the trees. It looked very fresh in a butter colour with magnificent rose bushes. Burmah had some lovely floral displays including many hanging baskets. The shed and side boundary wall beside R O'Shaughnessy's should be freshly white washed and the green tin roof painted.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was excellent on Adjudication Day, with only a couple of papers (inevitably)opposite the school.

### TIDINESS

The overall impression of the village was a neat and tidy one. Signage could be improved upon in certain cases. Those signs to the garden centre and Angler's Rest were a little bit grubby. The road signage near here was quite grubby, too.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard in this category was quite high, with the gardens and houses, many of them displaying colourful window boxes around the village looking very well. There was a particularly fine garden with pansies and easter lilies at Woodlawn near the school, although the Woodlawn sign was quite scratched and vandalised. Indeed, the estate sported many beautiful gardens.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Glin road with its new trees, and reasonably well cut verges looked very well. The abundant planting to the Limerick road looked resplendent, although the verges had only been roughly cut. The verges were reasonably neat with some wild daisies on the school road. The entrance area beside the Hilltop bar was quite weedy and untidy, with a potholed and uneven surface.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village of Loughill West is an attractive one with much potential for doing extremely well in the competition.