

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONARD**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	178

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your Committee has been extremely busy this year with a lot of work in progress. The majority of your work i.e. the graveyard and church grounds will take some time to be completed, however, it seems to be progressing nicely. As part of the competition for next year you will need to submit a 3/5 year work programme/plan and this should set out your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives, a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is for more likely to yield results.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for greater nature conservation in and around the village. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animal, bird and fish these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts and groups to get involved to advise you and provide you with the specialist information you will require. You may even like to involve the school children as part of their studies.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic church is a lovely building and the ongoing work on the grounds will certainly enhance its appearance. The National School was also well presented and was clean and tidy. Gibneys Pub was very well presented with some lovely colourful rose plants on either side and window/hanging floral baskets on the frontage. The church hall was clean and tidy and the window boxes added a bit of colour to the front. Improvements could be made to the frontage of Paddys Bar as it appeared very dull and drab looking. Your committee might also like to give the public phone box a wash as it was badly in need of it. The Texaco garage and fore court were clean and tidy with some shrub beds.

LANDSCAPING

The rose plants and floral pots in and around the statue at the graveyard were very colourful and well presented. Also, the floral beds and rose plans at Gibneys were well presented and colourful. The area before Gibneys on the right opposite the graveyard is beautifully landscaped and well maintained.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general was quite good with little or not litter evident. Litter bins were evident and appeared to be well maintained.

TIDINESS

Passing through Clonard the village would appear tidy and litter free. However, there are some problems with weeds on kerbside area coming in from the Kinnegad side. Also the appearance of Paddys Bar and one or two derelict properties takes away from the overall appearance. Weeds were also evident at the car park beside the Texaco garage and also to the front of the garage. More regular spraying of these areas will help.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small housing estate of Meadow View appeared okay. However, the grass areas to the front needed to be cut on the day of inspection. Individual residential properties in the village are well presented also with one or two minor exceptions.

ROADS, STREETS & BACK AREAS

The village approach roads from the Dublin and Kinnegad side were fairly well presented. The approach

sign from the Dublin side was however in need of attention. The new road up at the Texaco Garage would need some attention as the hedgerows were very much overgrown and growing out onto the road. The Edenderry approach was okay but it was a pity you were greeted with the facade of the pub at the end of it. You should look more carefully at your approaches in particular the minor roads which are in need of hedgerows maintenance. First impressions are very important.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Work is ongoing in Clonard and you are making steady if not slow progress. The graveyard and church jobs will take some time and I am looking forward to coming back next year to see the results. Good luck and well done.