

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LONGWOOD**
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	17
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	25
Litter Control	40	29
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Longwood village was looking extremely well on the day of inspection and your Committee should be commended for all the hard work. As part of the new format of the competition you will be required to submit, next year, a 3/5 year work programme/plan which will hopefully outline your objectives for this period. Try not to adopt unrealistic objectives, a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results. We look forward to seeing your plan.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is great potential for nature conservation in and around the village. The green area with its mature trees is in itself a natural wildlife habitat. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals and birds these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts or even the school children to get involved and advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require.

LANDSCAPING

Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers and where they are sited throughout the village should be commended. The landscape area at the Trim Road junction was looking very well. The Grotto on the graveyard was also well presented with a nice colourful presentation of floral tubs. The green amenity area was also clean and tidy. However, there was evidence where cars had driven over the grass areas. The grounds of the graveyard were looking extremely well with the majority of graves displaying a broad selection of fresh flowers.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All of the important buildings were very well presented. The school and church building were both clean and tidy. Dargans Pub had a nice colourful selection of flower baskets and tubs enhancing the frontage. Giles Shop and Petrol Station were also neat and tidy. Stoney Pub and the Shop Antiques and Curios were also well presented. The Garda Station had a lovely colourful selection of floral boxes and is a focal building at the junction.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of inspection there were two people out on litter duty and the village was very much litter free with one or two very minor exceptions. There are very few litter bins located in the village but those that are there appeared well maintained.

TIDINESS

Longwood is a neat and tidy little village with litter and weeds well under control. You should keep up the pressure on the Council in relation to the pot holes.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS The majority of the residential properties in and around the village were very well presented. The houses on St Olivers Road should be commended for the presentation of their gardens. Houses also located on the Bog Road and around the Fairgreen should also be praised for their hard work. There were however one or two minor exceptions such as the bungalow opposite the Hair Studio which could do with being painted and having some of the plaster repaired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK ROADS

The Committee should be commended for the work on the approach roads. There are one or two minor points I feel I should make. The sign on the approach from Trim was covered and hidden and maybe the

verge on the side of the approach sign from the Dublin/Galway end could be cut a little further beyond the sign to make it more visible. All of the back area appeared clean and tidy except for the pot holes at the back of the Fairgreen.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Committee should be commended for another year's hard work. You are making steady progress in the competition and have come a long way over the years. Good luck and well done.