

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ARIGNA**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	10
The Built Environment	40	10
Litter Control	40	10
Tidiness	20	6
Residential Areas	30	10
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	14
General Impression	10	2
TOTAL MARK	300	87

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the competition. Arigna can benefit from this competition and your committee should begin by producing a five-year development plan in co-operation with the local authority, FÁS and other interested groups. This long term plan should provide you with a blueprint of how Arigna could be developed with a programme of work.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Arigna has many opportunities for nature conservation, the most obvious being the stream running between the church and the town hall. We would recommend that you get the assistance of an environmental expert to provide information on habitat and other specialist information.

LANDSCAPING

The village has many green areas and these along with the approach roads provide opportunities for landscaping. The bed recently planted near Reynolds Foodstore is poorly maintained and you have a major problem with weed control throughout the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

With few exceptions most of the buildings including the church and the white town-hall-type building are in need of upgrading. Some villages / towns organise competitions to encourage upgrading and you might do similarly. Both the Foodstore and the Public House should be encouraged to remove plastic signs in favour of more traditional shop-fronts.

LITTER CONTROL

There was quite a lot of litter in evidence particularly around the shops and the Arigna Fuels property.

TIDINESS

The general impression of the village is not one of neatness and tidiness. The entry roads are overgrown to the extent that visitors are unable to read the name of the village. Hedgerows and grass verges within the village are uncut and untidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Comments for the Built Environment heading are relevant.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The general condition of roads, parking areas and open spaces are in a poor condition and in need of attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Arigna could do with your efforts to improve its appearance. A major cleanup and grass cutting exercise would dramatically improve the appearance of the village. We would recommend a planned approach and would encourage you to enlist the support of local people as a priority.