

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **AGLISH**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The detailed map provided with the entry form was very useful on the day of adjudication. Aglish has now been developed into an attractive and well presented village and the hard work undertaken over the years is paying dividends. However, there are still a number of areas needing attention which will require the full co-operation of all the community if the village is to progress in the competition. The provision of a 3/5 year plan with the 1997 entry will be useful in determining targets and goals.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The flower and tree planting in the village are to be commended. However, there is potential for involving the community in greater nature conservation. A good starting point (perhaps in conjunction with the School) would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, bird and fish these attract. Look to local environmental experts and groups to get involved in advising you.

LANDSCAPING

The planting of various species of trees on the approach from Carrigahorick is attractive. It is important that these be maintained - it was noted that two of the trees needed attention at the time of adjudication. In the same way, the rose bed at the other end of the village at the junction of the Gurteen College/Ballingarry roads is a colourful addition to the village, but needed weeding. The tree planting between the Church and Post Office was noted. The well maintained flower tubs outside the Church and outside the bungalows beyond are attractive but perhaps a little more colour needed in each. The well presented village pump is a good feature. The green playground area together with the play items and seating is well maintained with the grass nicely cut.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Again the School and grounds and also the Church and grounds were extremely neat and tidy and well presented. The Village Inn and car park is well kept. Aglish Post Office and Bar is also well kept but the petrol pump outside needs repainting. On the Gurteen College approach road, Aglish Hall needs repainting.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no litter in evidence on the day of adjudication. Also there were sufficient litter bins throughout the village. These were all full of litter which indicates that there is a welcome litter collection rota in place.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village was one of neatness and tidiness, with litter and weed control well taken care of.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the individual residences in the village are very well presented. However, this fact and also because the rest of the village is now looking so well, make the two black spots very evident. These are the unoccupied house opposite the play area and the derelict house in the middle of the village between the Church and the Post Office. If a permanent solution cannot be found to these problems perhaps it could be arranged at least that the woodwork be painted on the unoccupied house and the grass cut. In the case of the derelict house the ivy should be removed from the roof or it will fall into greater disrepair - again cutting the grass here would alleviate the problem.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach road from Carrickahorick the village sign was uprooted and placed against a wall. This needs to be replaced in its rightful position and cleaned. It was noted that another advance village sign is still at the Church and not removed to the outskirts of the village - this should be undertaken with perhaps the Post Office ensuring that the name is on display in the centre of the village. The three approach roads still need attention even though a couple of grassed areas were cut on the Gurteen College approach road. Also on this approach the house next on the right on the way in from Aglish Hall needs repainting. The Ballingarry approach has been left in its natural state. Consideration should be given to trimming especially around the area where the pillars appear at a lay by.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Aglish is obviously a village where most people care about the place where they live. Much work has been undertaken and consolidated over the last number of years. The task of the Committee of three is obviously an arduous one and they are to be congratulated and encouraged to continue the good work, endeavouring to bring other members of the community and the various development agencies along with them.