

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **AGLISH VILLAGE**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	29
Litter Control	40	30
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	192

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

With its extensive open areas and nearby river, Aglish is well placed to take advantage of the emphasis on wildlife and natural amenities. The natural focal point of the old and historic graveyard is also significant in this regard. The work done on repairing and cleaning the walls on the approaches, insulation of flowerbeds and especially tree planting are equally significant in this. Thank you for the comprehensive notes supplied on your entry form, together with the splendid and very clear map of the centre which was a great help on the day of adjudication.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The open fields within the village and especially the stream opposite the Church are important amenity elements. Where possible we would encourage ground planting rather than the use of tubs on this elevated stream setting. Plant tubs, where they are thought necessary, should be very fully planted to achieve best results.

The old Church and Community Hall complex at the core of the village is significant to the development of the village amenity. The area around the Ball Alley might be judiciously enhanced, in addition to the ground between it and Church grounds.

LANDSCAPING

Great success has been achieved by Aglish in the presentation of floral displays, notably on the approach roads from Vicarstown. The wall repairing and cleaning undertaken in this area is also commendable. Good floral displays have been achieved also at the V-junction close to the Agricultural Stores. The large commitment involved in the maintenance of the raised wall display opposite the Post Office and Church is applauded. The stone-faced flowerbed at the Church was splendid but again we would encourage more fulsome planting for best effect.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The centre features some fine random rubble dry-fill walls and these have been well presented, particularly on the stretch between the old graveyard and the new circular flowerbed and also at the Youghal/Clashmore junction. The thatch cottage near the Church was a delight while the Church itself was pleasantly painted. Public buildings such as the National School and the Garda Station in particular were well painted with good floral displays. The Village Inn was very well presented, as was Treacy's Bar and Swift's Filling Station.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management was excellent throughout. There seemed to be a near complete absence of litter even in locations where, because of high usage, litter might reasonably be anticipated.

Well designed and suitably sited litter bins were noted on the Villierstown road and also in the centre of the village. Perhaps additional bins might be located close to the Ball Alley area and between the Church and Post Office.

TIDINESS

Again the centre scored heavily in this category because of the pleasant sense of order and neatness it projected. The East Cork Oil Depot was very well presented while the dry-fill walls, already referred to, on the Clashmore road were a delight with all grass and weed removed. Very small amounts of weed were noted at the School entrance while the stream side wall was broken or breached in places opposite the Church. Many walls were very pleasantly painted.

A sizeable difficulty is the disused factory beyond the School and this can best be tackled, in the short-term perhaps by appropriate screening. The house opposite the Ball Alley/Church grounds presented some clutter at its sides.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estate opposite the GAA Hall presented many good garden displays but a uniform presentation was not achieved in this area. Some excellent gardens and houses were noted on the Villierstown road while the houses on the Youghal road beyond the Co-Operative Store featured splendid gardens. The freshly painted houses on the Clashmore road were excellent although we would recommend more fulsome planting in the flower pots by their gates for best effect.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All signage and the approach roads were splendid as was the village nameplate. There is a need to develop the concept of a clear-cut start or division between the surrounding rural areas and the village itself. Grass verges were nicely cut back on all the approach roads and the judiciously cut verges helped to integrate the open fields which are part of the village itself.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The centre has largely succeeded in creating and sustaining a sense of entity. This reflects well on the extent of local support that has been secured, the activities of FAS employees together with the Committees from the GAA, Community Hall and the Schools.

There is a tangible sense of co-operation which is reflected most successfully in this very spirited presentation by a most attractive centre.