

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLONBUR**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 22                | 20                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 25                | 24                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 22                | 22                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 14                | 12                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 20                | 20                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 11                | 11                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 20                | 18                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 23                | 23                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 7                 | 6                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>164</b>        | <b>156</b>        |

## **Clonbur, Co. Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for completing the entry form and congratulations on the way it was presented. Your development plan is excellent. You have set realistic targets and you should achieve these within the time frame. There is very obviously an excellent community spirit in Clonbur. The amalgamation of all the relevant bodies is proving very successful. The results of your efforts to fundraise is again showing the level of commitment that you have.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church and grounds are presented to a high standard, also the grounds of the health centre look very nice. All of the business premises have made a great effort to improve their shopfronts. The flower baskets and window boxes add a great splash of colour to the village. The stone facade at Kynes looks most attractive. Once again, it would appear that there are no plans to do anything with the Crane House. I appreciate that it has been re-roofed, but it is crying out for something to be done with it. The GAA Pitch looks very good and the public toilets were well presented. The stone flower beds at the community centre look very nice. Like most towns and villages in the West of Ireland you have a few derelict sites. The premises with the green roof on the right hand side as you approach from Cong looks most unattractive. Really a better effort should be made to camouflage this.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The stone flower beds throughout are excellent. Also, you should consider planting trees as they are the most important plants in the urban landscape. The siting of ornamental trees in towns and villages is a key aspect. Each tree should have a purpose. It is very important to maintain all of your existing flower beds.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You are most fortunate to have the Clonbur woods and you are making great use of all of the natural amenities in your area. The timber signs marking the forest walk look very nice and are very much in keeping with the area. It is a very good idea to highlight the different activities that you have to offer the visitor. I can imagine that walking on Mount Gable would be a very popular activity.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Unfortunately, there was litter in evidence on adjudication day. The litter bins were overflowing - perhaps it was refuse collection day. From reading last years report it would appear that the same problem occurred again. This is a problem which should be addressed as it detracts greatly from the overall appearance of the village. Everybody will have to be more vigilant.

## **TIDINESS**

There was a little too much fly posting on the outskirts of the village, but generally the overall appearance is neat and tidy. It will be a great asset if you get the re-cycling receptacles. Ensure that they are sited in screened locations and that directional signs - bilingual, if possible - are put in place.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A very good effort is being made here by private house owners. Both in the village and on the approach roads I saw some excellent houses. All were painted and some had beautiful manicured gardens. The houses in the village have made a great effort with window boxes. Everybody is very proud of their own area and this personal commitment flows over to the community. It is very evident that there is great community spirit in Clonbur.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach roads to Clonbur are well maintained and the grass verges are neat and trim. The area between the nameplate and the Welcome sign on the Cong approach should be tidied up; it was very overgrown on adjudication day. Also try to have the Welcome Signs on the approach roads the same. The condition of some of the road surface is bad. Also, there must be some way to overcome the problem of not being able to have the name of the village in both English and Irish. It is most confusing for visitors. Somebody decided to do their own sign writing on the sign on the Cornamona approach.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

I enjoyed my visit to Clonbur. You are doing excellent work. Your development plan is excellent. You have the right approach and given time you will succeed. I would like to congratulate all the committee for their hard work and dedication and to wish you continued success.