

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLOGH**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	18	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	190	181

Clogh, Co. Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for the wealth of information sent with your entry form. This was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to have seen progress which you have made since 1996, particularly in relation to planning your activities and the contacts which you have made. As far as the Tidy Towns Competition is concerned, plan to do a certain amount each year in relation to the capacity of your Committee to achieve realistic results. You received a comprehensive report on Clogh last year. The following comments should be read in conjunction with that report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

References made in last years report under this heading are still applicable and indeed congratulations are to be offered to all concerned on the preservation and improvements which have taken place. Some dereliction still persist, the elimination of which should be a priority in your 5-Year Plan.

LANDSCAPING

Your efforts this year under this heading have been noted and you are to be congratulated on the success which you have achieved. For next year you might consider further judicious tree planting for the purpose of enhancing your environment. This however should be done carefully and with guidance as too many trees being planted can clutter the landscape where as more judicious planting would soften it. Further flower and shrub planting can also be encouraged but in this respect considerable attention must be given to maintenance. Continue to consult with your local experts or Coillte when embarking on further landscaping projects. What you have done looks excellent.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A certain amount of activity has taken place this year. Developments mentioned in your entry form have been seen. This is a new category in the Competition with the emphasis on conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat and the environment. The guidelines in the Tidy Towns Book offer suggestions as to the type of initiatives you might undertake and if there is a local wildlife expert or a member of your Community with experience in this area, then your Committee should draw on that facility to make further progress under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

There was still some evidence of litter on adjudication day, but generally speaking many areas of the village were litter-free. Again congratulations to all concerned !

TIDINESS

Comments made under this heading last year are still applicable.

In general, however, the village was presented in a neat and tidy manner but approach roads could be improved through the cutting of margins while, at the same time, leaving some portions partially wild but tidy to encourage wildflower growth, etc.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most private houses were very well presented and Colliery Close and its immediate environs looked excellent. This development has been a major plus for the village. Your thatched houses continue to be the highlight of the village but many other private residences are also achieving a very high standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There has been only nominal improvement under this heading since last year. It is an area where your FAS workers could be focused and which in general would improve the whole appearance of the village and its locality.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Clogh is a lovely village and will certainly benefit from careful and judicious planning over the next five years particularly in relation to the elimination of dereliction, improved landscaping and litter control which should see the village do extremely well in future competitions.