

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLOONE**  
County : **LEITRIM**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>156</b>

## **Cloone, Co. Leitrim**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Work is progressing on the Tidy Towns endeavours each year. A simple development plan outlining your Tidy Towns activities over the next 3/5 years was requested this year. You are working at present with Leitrim County Council and other state agencies. It might be beneficial if the Tidy Towns Committee in conjunction with these and the local community were to draw up a plan (work programme) which could be worked on over the next few years. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the completed questionnaire and the map which were most useful.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Catholic Church with its nice grounds and tree planting was well presented. The two factories on the southern approach looked well. Nice paving, shrubbery planting and well maintained buildings were noted. The green area between these buildings has an untidy appearance. The Community Hall looked well but there was some dumping at the rear. The National School is also worthy of comment, however, some of the prefab buildings need repairs in terms of their outside walls. Most of the commercial premises in town are well presented, in particular Cunniffe's (lovely colour scheme) and Tiernan's. Cregan's is also worthy of comment. McKeon's should get rid of its plastic signage. Even though you have repaired windows and painted them (well done!), the old school is still in poor condition, with completely overgrown grounds and rusty gates. St James Tower is excellent. Your remarks regarding the derelict building opposite the Community Hall were noted. It was still standing on adjudication day.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a wonderful amount of treeplanting throughout the village. The tree planting on the Main Street was much admired, as was the nice paving. The treeplanting at the National School is a credit to all concerned. The new stone paving and shrubbery beds in the vicinity of St James Tower were noted, as was the well at the new graveyard (lovely). The display of flower tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets in the village is praiseworthy and a credit to all concerned.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Committee are to be congratulated on their regard for wildlife in relation to hedgecutting. As suggested in last year's report, in view of the wildlife habitats which you have in Cloone already, you should choose a project and consult your local wildlife expert for advice.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was noticeable on the southern approach on the road to the old graveyard near the community hall and in small batches on the main street. You have excellent litter bins; use them. Be ever

vigilant in this regard.

## **TIDINESS**

The main street (apart from some litter) had a neat and tidy appearance. Some nice flowerbeds were noted here also. The stonework in the village contributes a lot to its tidiness. The shed with its corrugated roof opposite the Community Hall is a little untidy and some dumping was noticed here also. There are also some unsightly sheds opposite the old school.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the houses on the southern approach are extremely well presented. Many of the houses in the village have a bright and cheerful appearance. Full marks to the back yard opposite McKeons which has a wonderful display of flowers. We look forward to the completion of the Senior Citizens estate.

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

Most of the approach roads have trimmed verges and were well presented. Grass cuttings, however, should be removed after the verges have been cut. The broken wall opposite the old school also needs attention. Some footpaths should also be replaced. The roadway to the old graveyard is most untidy, marred by the rusty bins in the vicinity. The grass in this graveyard on the gravel surface needs attention, as do some of the footpaths with grass at the verges. Road surface in the main street is poor.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Well done for a fine effort. Work to a planned programme and have a strategic approach to the future enhancement of the village.