

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LOUGHILL WEST**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	167	163

Loughill West, Co. Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning your completed entry form. Do you have a working plan for the village and environs? If not you should, at a minimum, list out agreed improvements that could be pursued by the Committee. It is imperative that you have an agreed plan. There is much evidence of community action and your efforts of previous years are still bearing fruit.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

For the most part commercial buildings are well presented, but there is no apparent improvement in replacing the plastic signage with more appropriate material and layout. The church is well presented again this year. The school is superb with a magnificent display of roses and well kept shrubs. This school is exceptional and deserves praise from all concerned. It is obviously being maintained during school holidays. There are a number of new houses being built in the area, but they are not finishing well and much rubble is in evidence long after construction. Developers should be encouraged to finish well. The Burmah filling station is well presented and has an attractive display of flowers.

LANDSCAPING

You have done well in this section and there is praiseworthy evidence of some attractive landscaping on both principal approaches. The picnic site on the Glen approach is good, but the surface needs attention. The new flower bed development on the Limerick approach is a welcome addition. You should consider two bilingual Failte signs for 1998. The student scheme is contributing to the high maintenance of the village. The small seating area beside the four arch bridge needs finishing. It might be better to develop seating areas away from the passing traffic. The roadway to the right after Elm Fireplaces is very untidy and the vista of the village looking back illustrates the problem of untidiness. The many flower tubs hanging baskets, etc. are commendable.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your location on the estuary and the local abhabhan gives you opportunity for the promotion of wildlife and especially wild birds, which were quite visible during adjudication day. The whole question of wildlife in the Loughill area would provide an ideal project for the local school.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no obvious amount of litter to be seen throughout the village and environs, and this reflects well on the community. Litter bins were well spaced and well maintained.

TIDINESS

Your problem with untidiness relates to small unattended pockets of open spaces which need attention. Some areas on the side approach roads are very overgrown and need attention. The road surface at the entrance sign for Woodlands needs improvement. Sign posting is good but some poles need painting. The lovely hedge and grass bank area between the church and Burmah is an example of good screening.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of housing is good throughout and many residents have worked hard in achieving such a high standard. The small estate at Woodlands is well presented. There are some excellently maintained houses on the road up by the school. This high standard should be encouraged in other areas and the village core in particular would benefit from more colour.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There are many side and rear areas in need of improved presentation. The two principal approach roads are excellent in presentation and the tree planting of previous years continues to enhance.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village was generally well presented and has a great display of colour. The continuous passing traffic causes its own problems but you have done well with the environmental improvements in particular. Try and co-ordinate your efforts and finish well before moving to the next project.