

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ABBEYLARA**  
County : **LONGFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	21
The Built Environment	40	19	19
Landscaping	40	19	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	17	16
Tidiness	20	10	8
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>136</b>

## **Abbeylara, County Longford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your application form and well done on your work in the past year. Many of the ideas submitted are worthwhile and feasible. They could be set out under different headings with problems and potential assessed in each case. Good luck.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The McCormack premises looked well as did the Handball Alley where work was being undertaken. The school was being painted on the day of adjudication and the church and its carpark were very tidy. Well done in the upkeep of McNicholas Shop - the adjudicators would hardly know it was derelict!. P.J. Foodstore and Crawfords were both well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Plants on all the approach roads needed replacing. If they are bulbs they should be replaced and stored. There is some nice planting and hanging baskets throughout the village. The use of climbers on walls is commended. Perhaps a few additional shrubs could be considered at the church.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The amenity area beside the stream is well presented. Greater use of native water plant species is encouraged. The intended use of wildflowers throughout the village is commended, as is the development of the fishing facility. Before money, time and effort is invested in this project, assess market demand through the NRB - this will also help to target markets later on.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The village was nearly litter free with only small amounts spotted. The litter bins are well positioned and well maintained. The use of the Irish language is commended.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was very tidy and this is due to a lot of work and effort - well done. Further work could have been done on the approach roads.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the houses are well kept. Some had nice stone walls and well kept grass and hedgerows. There were also some lovely front gardens.

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

The approach roads could be cut back in future just 2 feet from the edge out from the village. The Oldcastle road was very clean. The Edgeworthstown road needs the verges cut back. There was

rubble further out the Finea road that should have been cleared away. The red and white road sign and area beside it requires attention. The adjudicators could not locate the village sign on this road. There is a good sign on the Granard road and the pump further out was well presented

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The general impression was that a Tidy Towns Committee had been hard at work in maintaining the village. There is a wealth of heritage linked to the village. The Committee have some good ideas. These should be set out in a time scale for your own benefit - good luck.