

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **AUGHNACLIFFE**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	17	16
The Built Environment	40	16	16
Landscaping	40	16	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	12	11
Tidiness	20	7	6
Residential Areas	30	12	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	14
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	114	109

Aughnaclyffe, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A 3-5 year development plan is still required in order to give direction to the committee. Liase with local authorities and include contributions from all the community. Thank you for the application form - the comments were noted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school was well painted as were the church and graveyard, though there were some weeds at the base of the wall. Is the pump in the main street in use? The ERGAS sign needs removing. Mulligans requires a lick of paint. Climbers on the walls are required at the farmyard area in order to make it more presentable. Houricans, a lovely traditional type pub required attention - it is potentially a very fine pub front. The church on the Rathmore road looked very well.

LANDSCAPING

Some nice planting on the corner of the sign in the Dring road was noted. Well done with the flower tubs too. The use of a single colour can have a more dramatic effect visually. Areas need to be mown back in places including in front of the Dolmen sign.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village is lucky to have such an amenity as the lakeshore so close by. The trees at the lakeshore require some maintenance. A sign/board giving information on the habitat is required. A survey needs to be carried out to assess wildlife in the area. Selective cutting should also occur on the roadside verges to encourage wildflowers - some small stands of the big daisies were seen. Stone walls can also be encouraged to grow liverworts and other native flora.

LITTER CONTROL

A good idea to have a litter bin in the school grounds. There were small amounts of litter observed beside the lakeshore area otherwise the village appeared practically free of litter.

TIDINESS

Weeds at the base of walls gave an untidy appearance. Neater cutting back of grassy areas is also required and some residences could have been tidier.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses were generally well presented though some of the front walls required painting. The grass edges on the house opposite Houricans were very neat and there was a wonderful rockery garden in a house on the Rathmore road. A derelict building on the corner of Dring road needs attention and tidying.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The sign on the Ballinalee road required repainting The sign on the Arva road also required cleaning. The corner site on the Cavan road should be cleared up.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Aughnacliffe is progressing in the competition. With a small amount of work, there are a number of features in the village that could make an impact eg the lakeshore and Houricans. The use of Irish is encouraged in the competition and this should be remembered when erecting signs/boards.