

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLONDRA**  
County : **LONGFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>178</b>

## **Clondra, County Longford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for the completed application form and the submission for the FAS scheme. Much of this information can be used to set out your objectives for the 3-5 year Tidy town plan as required now by the competition. The restoration of the Mill wheel and house is an exciting element of your proposed project work - good luck.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Generally the impression of the built element of the village was good, however there were still elements that needed to be addressed. The pump at the Longford end of the village needed to be repainted as does Clondra workshop. The 7up sign and Irish Times sign/bin should really be removed. The Camlin Bar would benefit from more traditional signage though it was neat and tidy. The Richmond Bar was well presented and sported nice lovely hanging baskets. There was some plastic debris outside the school that should have been removed and the fence needed repairing. The old Mill is a great amenity and developments intended for this are welcome. The old graveyard and church are important to the village and though generally well maintained, the gates of the church would benefit from a lick of paint. The building on the left hand side of the third bridge going towards Tarmonbarry is a fine building and would benefit from restoration too. Corrugated roofs should also be attended to and painted where required. Cloghrans would also benefit from a coat of paint.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping is well carried out throughout Clondra with some nice treeplanting. Window boxes and hanging baskets also look well especially down by Richmond Harbour. Could another tree other than Cordylines be used - they seem quite alien in a Midland riverside village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The benefit of the River provides such a rich habitat of wildlife. The interpretative board (or is it?) down by the harbour seems to be missing from its stand. Other areas of the town could be planted with shrubs/plants that also attract insects and birds extending the wildlife element into the village. The island is a good idea providing sanctuary from boats and people.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There were only a few pieces of litter in evidence on the day of judging - well done.

### **TIDINESS**

Debris close to the school and the broken signs did not give a tidy appearance to the village. The harbour area was tidy as were the

Longford and Tarmonbarry approach roads.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses were well presented. Those at Richmond harbour should be congratulated on their fine floral displays. Some though, require a coat of paint before next year.

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

The Longford approach road is finely presented with nice tree planting and some fine stone walls. Let these now revegetate naturally though they should not become weedy. The Kilashee road was fairly well cut back though the Clondra sign was twisted and broken. The Tarmonbarry approach was neat though part of the old stone wall requires restoration.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A small yet historic village with a number of fine assets. Greater effort is required in presentation of the Kilashee road and the built environment. Good luck with your plans.