

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LEGAN**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	20
The Built Environment	40	17	16
Landscaping	40	18	16
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	10
Litter Control	40	20	19
Tidiness	20	10	8
Residential Areas	30	11	11
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	16
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	130	121

Legan, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your filled in questionnaire. A map would have been appreciated by the adjudicators. A plan of objectives for a 3-5 year period is till required and the judges would like to see this included with next years plan. It need not be complicated, but should address the various issues such as litter control tidiness, wildlife and amenity areas - see the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition brochure for details.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Lenamore Post Office was fine and the area opposite was well presented. The handball Alley was fine. T. Kiernan's was simple in its approach and was well painted. Smiths Grocery and the Church grounds looked well. The Sports ground area is a wonderful amenity to have and was very well looked after. O'Donaghues Convenience Store was a nice dark green colour. The School looked well with some nicely planted areas and was well painted. The wall beside the GAA ground was being restored and adjudicators look forward to its completion.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping in the village looks well - though annual planting is less effective than shrubs which have year round impact. Due to the poor recent weather, the annual plants at the approach signs looked quite poorly. Further tree planting is required, a single species again would make a greater impact on approach roads or in the village. A small grove of mixed native deciduous trees could be considered for the green area in the centre of the village. The stone walls make an impact in the village, however, they naturally should be allowed to grow some vegetation such as mosses and bryophytes. A few more hanging baskets would add to the colour in the village

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Riverside area was portrayed in a simple way and was very effective though the area was small. The bridge is also well maintained and tidy. A survey of the wildlife and natural amenities in the area to include fauna, flora and also heritage and cultural aspects could be carried out involving the schoolchildren. A wild flower area/meadow could be considered for the open space in the centre of the village and the planting of different plant species to attract butterflies and other insects.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter on the day of adjudication - well done. There were a good number of litterbins and these were well placed.

TIDINESS

The village was tidy on the day of adjudication with neatly cut

hedges and nice stone walls. The lack of attention to some of the houses created an untidy appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Overall the houses were presented in mixed fashion. Smith field Crescent had quite a lot of weedy areas. There were nice hanging baskets on the new houses and some of the other individual houses were well presented. However, there were a number of houses that needed a facelift and work needed to be carried out. If these houses are owned by elderly people or those who find it difficult to maintain the garden, some of the younger people/schoolchildren should help out.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There are nice stone signs on all the approach roads - well done. As said before, the annual planting did not make a great impact. If you wish to plant annuals, one colour ie red/blue/yellow etc would make a greater impact. No planting could also look well as the stone itself makes a statement. The roads were well cut back as were hedges. The older signs will need to be kept clean

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression was of a tidy village. Potential lies with the river and the amenity area in the village. It is a small village, so all the community need to become involved with the Tidy Towns. It has the potential to do well in the competition.