

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULLINALAGHTA**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	18	18
Landscaping	40	18	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	8	7
Residential Areas	30	14	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	16
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	132	130

Mullinalaghta, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the information furnished on the application form and the map - they were most useful. A 3-5 year plan highlighting the objectives is required. You need to assess the unique elements of your village - or create one.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The building element of the village was generally good. Kehoes was neat and tidy however it would benefit from a couple of flowering tubs. The Anglers Rest and Texaco pumps were fine though the planting would have benefited from some weeding. The church and carpark were well presented. The Community Hall had some nice planting and the school was well presented. There is a finely presented wooden fence opposite the telephone box. Mulligans would benefit from some attention. The graveyard was also well presented but the garage was untidy - could it be screened without disturbing its livelihood?

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping was carried out well in many areas - however, could the adjudicators suggest that due to the very rural nature of this village that more wild flowers/shrubs be used especially on the outskirts of the village. Many of these are self-seeding and would need less maintenance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A myriad of wildflowers were noted in the hedges throughout this village and at the edge of the verges. Selective cutting should be considered if possible to encourage these flowers. Irises (Yellow flags) would also be suitable for the drain areas. It is suggested that a few more trees be planted through the village. Why not consider that the village adopts one native flower species as its plant. It could be planted throughout the village and give an overall theme/look. Eg honeysuckle/foxgloves/fuchsia? Derrycassan Wood is not too far away and this could also be considered as a wildlife project area - with permission for the required bodies.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little litter in evidence on the day of adjudication - well done. The litter bins were well placed. Should new litterbins be introduced in the future - perhaps wooden ones might be considered?

TIDINESS

Some weedy, grassy areas around the village required cutting back. Dead branches should also be removed from the verges.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

These were generally well presented though some building

material had to be removed from in front of one house. Some fences also required painting.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Grandard was good and the flowers at the sign were well looked after. The sign at the school was also well maintained. There is an interesting gate with wheel design near the graveyard which is well kept.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has a great deal of native flora - build on this. The areas that were maintained to a high level contrasted greatly with those that were not as well maintained. The use of Irish is also being encouraged in the competition - this should be remembered if you are erecting signs/boards. Good luck in the coming year.