

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ANNAGASSON**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	32
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	26
General Impression	10	5	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>187</b>

## **Annagassan, County Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

A plan is needed so that efforts of the committee can be focused clearly over the next number of years. Yearly then priorities can be set and particular projects undertaken. With such a small community and such vast work to be undertaken the efforts of the committee to date are commendable. On account of the unique seaside aspect of Annagassan interesting development plans could be produced.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Painting is always difficult in seaside areas due to the corrosive effects of sea air. This means more vigilance with painting. The credit union and buildings to either side are nicely presented. Slans looked well. The kerbing around the fronts of a number of buildings is variable and a more uniform approach would be desirable. A way of reducing the impact of gas cylinders and plastic signs at Spar would be worth investigation. Wall building is a great project and much has been achieved which adds to the appearance.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Tree planting in exposed seaside areas is challenging. Look at the trees that have survived in the area and plant similar trees. Groups of trees will have a better chance. Also small trees tend to survive best. The planting of robust seaside shrubs may give greater success than bedding plants in the open grassed areas. Bedding plant schemes are more suited to smaller areas and gardens.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The seaside habitat provides great interest. As suggested last year a good idea would be to contact colleges involved in environmental studies - perhaps some projects could be started that could be beneficial to Annagassan. Information leaflets or boards could be developed and walkways outlined.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

In general litter control is good. Some litter was noted at the O'Neills Bakery site. The step over wall at the bridge was very inviting but finding an accumulation of littered cans and debris was disappointing.

### **TIDINESS**

With a more uniform approach to kerbing and containers a tidier appearance would result.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The gardens of the housing in Annagassan make a major contribution to the overall appearance. Every garden has its place

to play and encouragement is vital. The rose display was impressive and surrounding grassed areas.

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

Approaching Annagassan towards the bridge make a very attractive picture. The white flowered Valeriana on the bridge is attractive and should always be retained. Grassed verges are well maintained on all approaches and a neat and tidy approach was noted.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

With such a small number of residents the efforts are to be commended and encouraged. There are so many attributes in this village including the seaside aspect, Viking interest, and natural vegetation that there must be and worthwhile future here.