

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLOGHERHEAD**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-97

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 27 | 30 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 21 | 21 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 22 | 23 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 18 | 15 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 24 | 24 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 11 | 10 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 17 | 18 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 21 | 19 |
| General Impression | 10 | 5 | 5 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 166 | 165 |

Clogherhead, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A well thought out development plan would be a very worthwhile project for the committee to undertake for presentation in 1998. This would enable a series of projects to be identified and given priority listing. Projects could be carried out on a 3 - 5 year basis or longer. The work that is being done is praiseworthy and the effects of the proximity to the sea is understood.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

For such a small village there is an interesting range of buildings to appreciate. The business premises are well presented and in situations where there are so few business premises each must look very well or it can detract from the rest. The lovely sea views as seen between buildings adds to the attractiveness of the village. Painting in a seaside area has to be more frequent than inland. The Church and tennis courts are well presented. The cemetery is an interesting place to visit and the work in cleaning this and the field approach is very commendable.

LANDSCAPING

Container plantings in the village are attractive. Also the boat feature on the way to the harbour is in keeping with the tone of the village. Individual gardens add much to the overall landscape of a village such as Clougherhead. A walking tour is made so much more interesting with attractive gardens on route. A number of shrubs are particularly good at the sea, these withstand salt and wind. Information should be acquired in this regard.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

From a wildlife point of view Clogherhead has at least two advantages. The sea shore habitat and the hill habitat. Both these have interesting ranges of wildlife. The walk from the harbour to the beach and the hill walks are very interesting. The walkway from beside the cemetery up the adjacent hill could be developed a little more making a definite series of pathways and with the help of local information a leaflet could be developed.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was well managed. At the carpark beside the beach there was some litter. Also some litter was trapped at the fence of the tennis courts. Litter will always be a problem unless people resolve to bring home their litter.

TIDINESS

Overall Clogherhead is a tidy place. Some areas that deserve attention are - the fencing at the approach to the beach and the wire netting and fence poles at the car park beside the sea.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Both Housing estates were attractively presented. The containers

on the grass verges require more bold planting to make an impact. Perhaps having containers on grassed areas is not the best approach. Consideration could be given to placing these on hard surfaces elsewhere. As mentioned above individual gardens contribute so much to housing estates. Including more tree/shrub plantations in large borders could improve the general appearance of the extensive stretches of grass.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads have interesting natural vegetation and care has to be taken when clearing verges and hedgerows to strike a balance between the neglected look and scouring too much away. The approach to the beach requires attention. For such a small village there are an enormous amount of overhead wires. Perhaps this is an area where some lobbying could be successful.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A lovely seaside atmosphere makes Clogherhead a very pleasant village. The work of the tidy towns committee is very evident and commendable. There are lots of interesting challenges for the village and it seems set to improve through the years ahead.