

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LONGWOOD**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	33
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	199	194

Longwood, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A lot of work was underway on the day of adjudication. This was good to see. Thank you for your completed questionnaire. The essay was excellent to read and it is great that you are encouraging and involving the schoolchildren in the Tidy Towns competition. Perhaps now an area can be identified and a project could be undertaken by them to encourage wildlife in some way - whether it be the planting of certain shrubs or flowers or the development of the stream area. A 3-5 year plan will help to set out objectives and give clearer direction as to the progress that can be made.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The GAA Club looked very well - well done. The old Garda Station is magnificent and well looked after with its red windowboxes. It is hoped that it is used again sometime in the future. The front of the National School needed repainting and the hall beside it was well kept. Seats were well painted. Stoney's Wines and Spirits well kept and neat and tidy. However, Longwood Furniture requires attention. Dargan's was well kept, with lovely old signage. Giles had some nice hanging baskets. Antique Curios was also well presented. The tennis courts are a nice amenity to have. The new stone wall at the cemetery was noted - is it unusual to have red stone in this part of the country? The school on the Enfield road will require a coat of paint before next year. The health centre was well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The main green is a huge asset. There were some nice roses in the small estate behind and these were well looked after. Some tubs around the village looked well. Lovely planting was noted in the stone walls of the cemetery and the grotto looked well planted as well. Trees are well maintained on the Enfield Road and beside the GAA ground.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Perhaps some amenity areas could be seeded with wildflowers. Could something be made of the river on the Enfield road as a wildlife area. The community must decide as to the areas of wildlife they wish to encourage and this can be set out in their plan.

LITTER CONTROL

Very little litter to be seen at all - well done. Litter bins were all well painted although, did they seem to be a bit full.

TIDINESS

This village is very tidy and looked well. An improvement on last year's standard was very evident.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The estate behind the green was well kept and the houses on the main street were well presented. The houses on the outskirts of the village were also generally well presented. A number had some nice gardens. The derelict building on the Ballivor Road is well kept - well done.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Nice trees were noted on the Clonard road; however, some need replacing. The verges were well cut back although the 40mph sign needed cleaning. The road at the back of the green required attention. The Ballivor road was well presented except for the speed sign which had fallen over! The Trim road was well cut back although the sign was bent. Lovely tree planting was noted on the Enfield road - well done

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This village is neat and tidy and made a good impression. The use of Irish is encouraged in the competition and this should be remembered when erecting signs/boards