

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLASLOUGH**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	211	206

Glaslough, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Well done Glaslough - you continue to have the support of an enthusiastic community who work in harmony with the Tidy Towns Committee. The adjudicator still suggests that a 3/5 year plan is necessary to establish a more focused approach to priority matters and hopefully this strategy will put you into real contention for a major award. Glaslough has the potential to do really well in the competition and attention to detail is now of utmost importance. Thank you for the map, it was most helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The heritage aspect of Glaslough is a real bonus and the ever present stone features are a magnificent attraction and create a uniformity of presentation throughout the village. The Coach house and Wrights are imposing buildings and would look better if the curtilage areas were presented better and the old petrol pump up-graded. The entrance to Castle Leslie was disappointing and should look better. In general freshen up the presentation of this area. The Pillar House is an attractive building but could look better. In general the majority of your buildings have appeal and are presented well. The restoration work on the old station is coming along nicely and Oakland Leisure Centre and Play Area also caught the eye. In general the majority of your buildings have appeal and are presented well. Well done also to the National School for improved presentation.

LANDSCAPING

Your use of flowers and shrubs to enhance the overall presentation of Glaslough is highly commendable and further enhancement is suggested by greater use of hanging baskets and flower tubs in the village centre. Green areas were nicely planted and the adjudicator was pleased to note that work had commenced on repairing the collapsed wall on the Monaghan Road. Landscaping is very much a strong element of your work programme and merits an increase in marks for presentation and overall approach. Well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Glaslough has a very rural location suitable to exploit great potential under this heading. Start by identifying the natural habitats of your area and carrying out onsite observations in relation to the species of animals, birds etc these attract. With the advice and guidance of your local environmental expert you should engage the support of a community or school group to carry out a survey and produce a map showing areas of wildlife importance in the Glaslough area.

LITTER CONTROL

Glaslough was litter free on adjudication day and the contribution of the school children in this regard is commendable. Well done.

TIDINESS

The village has a neat and tidy appearance and the control of weed growth at kerbs and the base of boundary walls was first class. Obviously the property owners and community in general contribute greatly to the clean and tidy presentation of Glaslough and they are congratulated for this.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Tullynee was superbly presented with nicely trimmed green areas, colourful floral exhibits, ornamental features and the new stone wall adding greatly to presentation of the Estate. The adjudicator was very pleased to see that the residents of Ard Benagher took last years criticism to heart and responded by improving the presentation of the estate, however, further planting is recommended.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were presented to a very high standard, grass margins were trimmed and hedging cut. Some back roads still need attention. In general the visitor would get a welcoming impression of Glaslough because of the excellent manner in which the main roads etc are presented. Do monitor the presentation of all signposting on a regular basis and give consideration to the provision of bilingual signs. Street furniture was presented to satisfaction and the Welcome to Glaslough road signs are well cared for and an attractive feature.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have again performed well and gain in marks for 1997. To bring you into consideration for a major award you will require the support of Monaghan County Council and E.S.B. to help out with your problem areas as stated in Section B (3) of your entry form. The Tidy Towns Committee and community by their commitment deserve the support of these agencies. Attention to detail should also have a priority and do give serious consideration to a development plan which will prioritise your work programme and give you a clear focus as to where your priorities rest and who should take responsibility. Good luck in your discussions with Monaghan County Council regarding footpaths. You are progressing well. Another good performance this year.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (8/8/97)

The manner in which you maintain the natural elements (ie, grass margins and verges) so far out of the village in all directions is a great credit and clearly gives the village an unmistakable identity. This work is well complimented by the beautiful stone walls. On the otherhand some field gates were in need of attention - perhaps all could be painted the same colour! Several yards, particularly down the hill beside the entrance to Castle Leslie were somewhat untidy. Unfortunately, Glaslough was far from litter free on the second adjudication day - a light scattering of papers and plastic bottles was noted on all roads. Nonetheless, in general terms (and to reiterate the comments of the first adjudicator) the general impression was very good!

