

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLONBUR**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	22
The Built Environment	40	27	25
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	14
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	23
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>164</b>

## **Clonbur, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The 1997 Five-Year Development Plan is a document which must be of significant value to the community generally and is certainly of immense value in the context of Tidy Towns. Thank you for your comprehensive description of work undertaken over the past year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church is beautifully maintained, as is the Parochial House. The School is well presented, as is the Community Centre - though it does appear a bit bleak - additional planting might help. The shops and business premises were looking well on adjudication day, and an unusually well kept garage/filling station was noted. One would like to see more shop signs in the Irish language. At least three buildings were undergoing renovation, and the results will be looked forward to. The Crane House is a unique feature of the townscape - the (useful) information boards and litter bin detract from it, and should be resited in due course. The plan to rehabilitate the small Gothic church is most imaginative - in so doing, trees should be retained while undergrowth is cleared.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Maintenance of existing landscaped sites is first class. Tubs and other incidental planting were favourably noted throughout the village. The interesting Stone Bank has yet to make its mark.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is a comparatively new category, and Clonbur is one of the centres which has really risen to the challenge. Your list of flora and fauna is impressive, as is the route information to Mount Gable.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Not much disposable litter was seen on adjudication day - certainly there was an improvement on last year. Your efforts are appreciated - it is a matter which needs constant supervision.

### **TIDINESS**

Clonbur is a relatively tidy village. There are some little 'corners', such as opposite the school, and builder's materials should always be removed once a job is completed. Congratulations on your recycling project.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Almost all of Clonbur is residential, and householders obviously take a pride in their homes. Some houses which particularly appealed to this adjudicator are the ivy-covered cottage beyond the Stone Bank, Poliska House with its Virginia creeper, and the neat terrace opposite Burke's.

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

Streets appeared to have been recently surfaced to a good standard. Verges on the approach from Cornamona were very trim at the time of adjudication. Stone wall building, old and new, is an admirable feature of the neighbourhood. Car parks at the Church and Community Centre are well maintained. (One would like to see less on-street parking.) The completion of the electrical work resulting in new lighting should occasion a further increase in marking in this category next year.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A naturally attractive village with a very strong community spirit where environmental improvements are taking place quite rapidly.