

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>166</b>

## **CLOGHERHEAD, COUNTY LOUTH**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The map provided was helpful but no plan was received. A detailed plan to cover a three to five year period is needed. A basic plan outlining the work you wish to carry out would help to achieve your aims. The colour brochure being produced in conjunction with Louth Leader should be a useful tool in your commendable efforts to develop and promote Clogherhead.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The main buildings in the village are well presented, in spite of the difficulties presented in seaside towns by the salt air. The various thatched buildings, notably The Sail Inn Pub, add to the overall character. The cobble locking of Crooked Street is a good project. The new buildings at the harbour are an interesting addition to this work scene. The high number of derelict buildings is a problem and it is hoped your discussions with Louth County Council on this will lead to a satisfactory outcome. The tennis courts and the Church are maintained to a high standard. The reception area of the Ashling Caravan Park would benefit from some attention.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The drive to the harbour is very pleasant, passing the flower filled boat and planted bed on the small green. The many flower filled containers and hanging baskets dotted around the village add colour to the overall scene. Attractive gardens also provide colour and diversity in the general appearance of Clogherhead and running your own summer competition in this area is a great idea. More planting of salt and wind resistant shrubs on the road to the beach would enhance this area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The information boards at the beach, although quite faded provide a wealth of information on the wildlife and natural environment of Clogherhead. The fact that the area is of national scientific importance with rare flora and fauna should be highlighted - perhaps in your new brochure, or upgrade these boards with more colourful versions. The whole shoreline and harbour areas are great wildlife habitats and provide some interesting walks. Perhaps these could be developed further with some suitable signposting, or the routes displayed on the empty Tourist Information Boards on the beach.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control in general was quite good. Some pieces of litter were noted on the beach as it got busier over the afternoon and in the flower containers on the main street. There is always a need

for vigilance in this area.

## **TIDINESS**

The main streets of Clogherhead are quite tidily presented. Weed control in the grave yard car park would need some attention and some sacks of grass cuttings had been left to accumulate there behind the wall. Some of the wire fence and fence poles at the beach car park had fallen down and needed to be replaced. The construction work taking place just off the main street detracts somewhat from the general appearance, but this will only be a temporary situation.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

All the small housing estates were well presented and hopefully will be successful again in this years County Council Competition. Individual gardens can do so much to enhance the appearance of estates and of the village as a whole and should be encouraged as much as possible. More tree and shrub planting in the estates will improve the large green stretches. Looking through the stone gateway of the house at the end of the main street gives us a glimpse of the lovely garden within. Scenes such as this add greatly to the attractiveness of the village and hopefully encourage others to make a similar effort.

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

The stone walls on the Chapel Road approach are an attractive feature. This and the Drogheda Road give lovely views of the coastline as one approaches Clogherhead. A lot of the walls in the area are overgrown with vegetation. Perhaps some careful clearing could be considered, to reveal these features. Verge trimming also requires some attention. The name sign on the Drogheda approach was missing from its poles on the stone flower bed.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Clogherhead is an attractive little seaside village and a busy working port, so has much of interest to offer. Clogherhead Development Group has achieved a great deal to date and we look forward to seeing your new projects develop over the coming years.