

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ARIGNA**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	16	16
The Built Environment	40	10	10
Landscaping	40	12	12
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	13	12
Tidiness	20	6	6
Residential Areas	30	11	10
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	15
General Impression	10	2	2
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>93</b>

## **Arigna, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Arigna is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition. It is vital that your development plan is implemented. Arigna, nestled on the side of a mountain and in a valley with fine natural resources, has breathtaking scenery and indeed has a lot going for it. The proposals contained in the development plan will help to revitalise the area. However the greater community of Arigna should undertake immediately a general programme to improve the village visually, the open spaces and underdeveloped areas should be tackled.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Enterprise Centre and Leader Offices still need attention, painting of the building would help and as suggested last year some external planting in the forecourt area should be undertaken. The walls in the car park at the bridge should be completed and the stored materials should be removed. The flower baskets and boxes at Flynn's shop and pub looked well. The fuel yard areas and surrounding boundaries should be screened and planted, this would make an enormous difference to this area of the village.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The triangular planted area and immediate environs, near the shop, are neglected. Additional planting and additional shrub beds should be considered for the village, the improved car park area near the church is one such area. The storage of gravel and other material at the car park should be discouraged. If a storage area is required then it should be screened off.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It is important that a survey of the wildlife and fauna of the area be undertaken, Arigna has major assets with the river and the open countryside on its doorstep and these should be maximised. Please keep us informed of any proposals.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There did not appear to be a problem with litter on adjudication, however small amounts were noticed along the roads in the general environs of the shops.

### **TIDINESS**

As mentioned in previous reports the matter of open areas/sites within the village should be tackled as they lend an untidy

appearance. Weed growth and especially tall grass along the side of the roads and footpaths should be tackled.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A good number of private residences are making an effort with colourful flower planting and scrubs well done. The remaining property owners should be encouraged to do likewise. It is important that the new housing development have their front areas completed, planted and any building material removed. Storage areas at the side or rear of properties should be screened off from view.

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

The road improvements on the Lough Allen approach road to Arigna are a major improvement, however the roads within the village still need attention.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Arigna's appearance needs more attention by the greater community of the village, but it will take effort and commitment in co-operation with the Local Authority. While acknowledging that the fuel yards is a working area, some screening should be introduced to improve the appearance at this end of the village. The appearance of Arigna must be given priority and tackled. It is located in an area of natural beauty and the village should reflect this. We look forward to our next visit to Arigna and we wish you well in progressing with your development proposals.