

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **OLD LEIGHLIN**  
County : **CARLOW**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	27
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	17
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>174</b>

## **Old Leighlin, County Carlow**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Old Leighton is an extremely interesting place to visit with its cathedral, stone walls and holy well. There seems to be a great sense of purpose and co-operation among the group in the village working on the various projects. The plan, map and photographs were most helpful and there is a good focus of priorities in the village which will show good results as time goes by. It is important to preserve the identity of the village which is dominated by the cathedral and surrounding cemetery.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The business premises are well cared for. The walls are a particular feature of the village. Some stone wall building was in progress during the visit which is encouraging. St. Lazarians cathedral and cemetery are a focal point and the interest generated here is obvious. Maintenance of the cemetery is good and mowing was in progress during the visit

### **LANDSCAPING**

The work during the past year has been well worthwhile and shows a very positive direction. The big trees and the 1798 monument area were very good projects. The small lay-by is process of being established. The hedges in places need a little attention to weeding and gap filling. At the holy well some attention will be needed but this will be addressed in the plan. Individual gardens are important in such a small village. Some attention to the housing estate will bring up the standard more

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The hedgerows, stream and surrounding trees offer many opportunities for wild life. It would be nice if was possible to have access to the stream at the pump. Maybe a short walkway could be established. Or a walkway along the stream.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is reasonably good litter control yet there was the offending piece noted in a few areas. Constant vigilance and encouragement to people to bring litter home will help.

### **TIDINESS**

Some weed clearance from the kerbsides in the village would be helpful. The work at the trees has given a tidier appearance and the 1798 plaque area is well tidied. The entrance to the housing estate could benefit from a little tidy up.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual homes are well maintained. In the estate the more homes and gardens that have very high standards of care the better. As mentioned above the entrance to this area needs attention. Fresh painting and attention to details of repairs and stonework will enhance the village.

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

There is good standard of care of the road. The road sign coming in from the main road needs cleaning. The stone signs are beautiful and well placed. Grass verges are well kept and the appearance of well kept grass verges is very much in keeping with the tone of this old village without need for colourful displays.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This is an unusual little village with great historic interest. A visit inside the cathedral was most enjoyable. It is important to preserve the tone of this calm and green village. The enthusiasm and planning that has been done will go far towards developing this village to a much higher level.