

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BROCKAGH-CLOGHAN**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	19	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	16	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Brockagh-Cloghan, County Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome back to the Tidy Towns Competition. You will find that the categories have altered somewhat since 1987 - Wildlife is a new and important category, and Litter Control and Tidiness are now separate categories. Do not be disappointed by your marks in this initial year - it is what happens next year that will signify. (It may be worth noting here that the area round Harkin's bar may be taken as demonstrating many of the essentials which combine to make a successful Tidy Town: good paving, excellent stone wall construction, tidy car park and extensive tree planting). In fact, your mark under 'Developmental Approach' is considerably higher than is usual for new or revived entries. Your five-year Development Plan is impressive, and it is good to read that you have the support of the community and the help of FAS. Thank you for the excellent map.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Garda Barracks and the health Centre are maintained to a high standard. The removal of a derelict building opposite the Post Office, as described in your Development Plan, has undoubtedly been beneficial; completion of the replacement buildings will be looked forward to. The Heritage Centre, one of the excellent schools built in the 1920s, has been smartly renovated, with fine stonework and neat surroundings.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping of the area beside the Fair Green on the Moneen Road is well designed and should do very well if carefully tended. Tree planting was favourably noted in at least three locations. (If further tree planting were added to your 2000-2004 Plan along the complete roadside it would make an enormous impact). Tubs and other planting, such as at the Heritage Centre, looked well on adjudication day.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

A nominal mark has been given in your first year. There are a number of suggestions in the Tidy Towns booklet.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter. Congratulations.

## **TIDINESS**

Some dereliction and vacant sites are quite eye-catching. There was considerable kerbside weed at the housing estate. Unkept verges, particularly opposite the Fair Green and in front of some houses on the main road, could be improved, not by trying to keep down weeds but by planting grass and wild flowers to the edge of the public road. Two or three entries need tidying up.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most homes are very well looked after. Some of those in the housing estate are not up to the standard of their neighbours. Your remarks about householders taking responsibility for boundary walls and fences are very apt. Some very pleasant front gardens were seen.

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

The surfacing of the main road and the paving are very good. Completion of kerbing at Moneen Road will be looked forward to next year. Stone walls at Harkin's, the Inn and the Fair Green are excellent. Post-and-wire fences are not attractive, have a short life and attract weeds. Builders' materials should be removed from sites immediately after work is completed.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

An unusually spread-out village, a great deal of work has already been done in creating a unified aspect. There was a great deal of work going on on adjudication day and the results of this will be eagerly looked for in 2000. Good luck with the enterprise.