

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FROSSES**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	24
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	163	159

Frosses, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A 3- or 5-year Development Plan would help you to identify priorities and to phase work gradually over a period, rather than attempting a number of challenging projects all at the same time. There has been impressive progress under some headings since last year, but one feels that with a more considered approach more could be achieved in the long run, with a greater rise in marking. Next year, please make use of the page provided for a simple map, and mark on it all sites where improvements have been made in the previous twelve months - we are unlikely to miss anything, but would like to be certain.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As usual the church is very well maintained. The shops are generally well presented, though a complete absence of plastic and mass produced signage would be visually advantageous.

LANDSCAPING

Pleasant planting was seen in the circular beds. The grass verges of the main road, and the hedges, were not very trim on adjudication day, from the 30mph sign on the Glenties road to the first houses; at the places where the verges had been trimmed, the grass had been left lying - which is perhaps more untidy than the long grass! It is still felt that more could be made of the very prominent rushy field in front of the housing estate.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The walk by the river is a very worthwhile project. Congratulations to all those who have been involved. This could be the start of a really interesting wildlife initiative: there are a number of suggestions in the Tidy Towns booklet which would repay study.

LITTER CONTROL

This was an improvement on last year. It is a vexing subject for everyone, but one which has to be constantly addressed, as you have done.

TIDINESS

Some weedy areas were seen near the cross roads. The post-and-wire fence on the corner of Coughlan Avenue sags in an unsightly way and attracts weeds - if you were making a long-term plan this would be an ideal location for a new stone wall. Generally, however, Frosses has a tidy appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The new house opposite the church blends well in style with existing houses. At Coughlan Avenue, some of the frontages and boundary walls could do with freshening up with paint.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The surface of the main street is quite good. New paving is a great improvement. The bleak car parks could be improved by creating a stone boundary wall, or planting a hedge, possibly with a line of trees, with an entry and exit for cars at each end. The stone wall on the Cranny road is excellent, as is the facing of the ancient well. The stone capping of the graveyard wall, partially completed on adjudication day, is another first rate initiative.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

An attractive village in a lovely and historic setting. A more concerted effort would certainly achieve the high position which many equally small communities have achieved elsewhere.