

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **WILLIAMSTOWN**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	27	25
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	28	25
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	17	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	189	174

WILLIAMSTOWN, CO GALWAY

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It was good to see elements of the five year plan being achieved and that the committee continues to work hard. You appear to be getting good co-operation from County Council, FAS, E.S.B, etc.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The coordinated painting of the business premises has had good results but some premises are still unattractive. Consideration should be given to improving some shop front signs, e.g. 'Glynns' and the Public House (with the petrol pumps) adjacent to the Post Office. While the Garda Station has a nice shrub bed, the exterior of the station itself needs freshening up and there is an unattractive 'Station Closed' sign in the window. Improvement work around the Church is very evident. The Square is the focal point of the village, well maintained and will be further enhanced when the old style lights are erected. Perhaps the Tripod should be highlighted and not partially disguised with creeper plants.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping was evident through the village, even the entry avenue to the G.A.A. Grounds has a nice plant/flower bed. The broken Swan flower container on the corner of the Glenamaddy Road should be replaced. It was noted during the visit that planting on the Dunmore Road was taking place.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The bog road is certainly a natural wildlife area and there was evidence of work being done, but a suitable sign is needed and it is difficult at this stage to comment on progress in relation to the wildlife area.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good and it is a great idea to have the National School and Foroige involved.

TIDINESS

The weekly news-letter is innovative and its message appears to be listened to by most of the people in the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Street houses are mostly looking very well and there are some lovely private homes, particularly on the Dunmore Road.

Regretfully there are some black spots, e.g. the derelict bungalow on the Glenamaddy Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There is continued improvement in this area, but the "Williamstown" sign on the Glenamaddy Road is still unsightly and improvement is necessary at the Kilnalog crossroads.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Village continues to improve and congratulations on winning first prize in 'Category A' from Galway County Council.