

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLONDRA**  
County : **LONGFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>179</b>

## **Clondra, County Longford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your map and comments. The development of the mill is eagerly awaited. A synopsis of future plans would be useful for the judges and any thoughts that the committee has on litter, tidiness etc.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The school is reasonably presented – the exterior wall will need repainting in the future, there are rusty edges around some of the window grilles and the planters outside require weeding. Croghans requires a coat of paint. The church itself is fine and has a nicely painted gate. The graveyard is, however, very overgrown and the gate is very rusty. In fact gates throughout the village vary from being well painted (black or red) to being very rusty. It is these details that contribute to the overall visual appearance of the village. The Richmond Inn looks well and has some nice hanging baskets, as does the Camlin. They have suffered recently, perhaps in the hot weather. The shop could be presented in a better fashion. There is no sign and there was some litter outside it.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The harbour, which is a focal part of the village looked well. There were however barrels and blocks which detracted from the overall appearance. The pump was presented simply though there was one weed in front of it (ragwort)!. The trees at the entrance to the village look well, however further trees would look well if planted through the village in specific suitable areas.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The island area seemed well maintained. It is important as this is where the type of habitat important to river wildlife is located. The canal basin was also clean and tidy. There is a quarry on the Kilashee road which is filled with water and there are numerous wildflowers in the area. It is most likely in private hands. It could be an interesting amenity to obtain in the future. The mill area will also be important when it is developed.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The problem in Clondra is that there are only a few litter bins. There is no litterbin down towards the end of the canal harbour and there was also quite an amount of litter stuck in the fences and in the grass. There were a number of boats/barges docking at the harbour and hence people, so

litterbins must be sought after. There was also litter outside the shop – though there are litterbins in this street. Well done on getting the local school children involved

## **TIDINESS**

Rusty poles, either belonging to signage or single were a feature of the village. The state of rust really requires replacement rather than repainting. Apart for the small amount of litter and the poles, the village was quite tidy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The houses in Clondra look very well and a lot of care is being taken by the residents. There is a nice home opposite the quarry on the Kilashee road. And other houses along this road are well appointed. A great deal of landscaping is being carried out in a garden backing on to this road. The houses on the Tarmonbarry road look well and a house "Shannon View" particularly stood out where a tremendous amount of work has gone into floral displays. The deep red colour house down in the harbour area provides a good foil for the window boxes. The new stone house on the Longford road will look well when landscaped.

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

The Kilashee road is reasonable, there are nice stone walls with wall plants. The signage is very dirty and other signage around the village needs attention. The Tarmonbarry road is also reasonable. The old sign for Clondra needs serious attention – do not let it fall into disrepair. The Longford road looks well and some of the trees are maturing nicely while others (weeping cherry) are just starting.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The village focuses on the harbour area and the bridges. The mill will certainly provide another focal point. Do make the most of the stone walls by allowing select vegetation to grow on them e.g. toadflax