

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CULLYFAD**  
County : **LONGFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	20
The Built Environment	40	16	15
Landscaping	40	11	10
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	20	18
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	12	10
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	12	10
General Impression	10	4	3
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>104</b>

## **Cullyfad, County Longford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your comments which were noted. You are at the initial stages of development as a village and plans must be drawn up for the future of the village. You are awaiting new signs to the village, though the judges noted directional signposting from Longford.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church stands out as a well presented building with a lot of effort and work going into the surrounding area too. There are some dahlias and the grass is well cut back. The Cullyfad Centre is well painted too. Well done

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping must be carried out very much in context of the village. It is a small rural village so exotics such as Cordylines look out of place. Keep all planting native and this could become a feature of the village. The pump needs repainting. Please encourage the growth of selected wall plants on the stone walls. Too many walls round the country are 'refurbished' and all vegetation is pulled off them making them look quite sterile and bland.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The local area is simply wonderful with a great deal of woodland for walking and enjoyment. Have you considered a survey of trees species or plant species to be found – or perhaps even insect life. Birdlife, is also prevalent and perhaps some birdtables as a solution to leftovers from meals and baths might be considered.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The fact that there is no shop probably contributes to the lack of litter in the village. There are also no litter bins though perhaps they are not required. As part of your plan, tackle how each household deals with its litter/rubbish and consider recyclable elements. Longford has some good facilities.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was tidy in context with its situation in such a rural area. The removal of gravel is required when work is completed. The incomplete removal of mown grass also detracts from the overall appearance.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

As the village is so small, each house has an important role to play in the appearance of the village. There is a fine white, two-storey house and a very nice new stone house opposite the Community Centre. The white house beside the church has some fine planting and the other new houses are well painted. New people in the village will provide additional hands for work.

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

The margins were well cut back throughout the village. On the approach roads the grass had not been removed in all cases and looked a bit untidy. When rebuilding new walls consider the use of mortar rather than cement in order to encourage plant life.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The road to being a new village will be eventful. The signage is important as is a place on the map. Local people will also have to be told – the judges asked several people the way and some had not heard of it, whereas others had difficulty in explaining how to get there. In time this will change. You have some good ideas and an enthusiasm, which will help you along. Good luck.