

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ENNYBEGS**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21	19
The Built Environment	40	17	16
Landscaping	40	13	12
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	19	19
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	12	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	10	10
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	114	110

Ennybegs, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the application, the comments and detailed map which was of great use to the adjudicators. The village is still new to the competition and probably just finding its feet. Set out a short plan to give direction for the next few years addressing each of the sections of the competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is noticed that the pub has changed ownership/name at least. Begleys is freshly painted and welcoming. Scoil Naisiunta Naomh Treasa looks presentable. Weedy areas in front of the graveyard and some litter was seen, however there are no litterbins. The shop is reasonable though a myriad of stickers confuses the presentation. The Church and Community Centre would benefit from some incidental planting.

What is the area opposite the shop for? It is landscaped though attention is required inside the walls

LANDSCAPING

The village would benefit tremendously from baskets and planters. Perhaps choose a theme plant for the village e.g. foxgloves, Crocosmia or flag irises and these would unite the village by allowing them grow in the hedgerows and in plants and tubs. It is important to consider more indigenous trees rather than Cordylines as they integrate better with the nature of the area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stream/drain in the centre of the village seems to have dried up though planting has at one time been carried out along its banks. Identify the different habitats in your local area i.e. hedgerow, meadow, woodland and carry out a survey in conjunction with the local school children

LITTER CONTROL

There was a scattering of litter along the Aughnacliffe road and in the main street. Litter bins are required as well as reminder advertising and awareness through the school.

TIDINESS

The village was reasonably tidy though the margins of the approaching roads were inconsistently cut back and the litter did detract from the overall appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is a fine house beside the school and a nice new stone house in the village. New stone cottages are becoming very popular and they look well. Each house is important in the village due its small size. The green and white and a cream house stood out in presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road from Aughtnaclyffe could be cut back further. In fact 1-1.5feet margins should be considered through out the whole village in an attempt to unite the village in some way. As previously mentioned this could also be done by the use of a particular flower/plant. Some of the signs were also grubby and should be cleaned.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Village Enhancement Committee is a good idea and now is the time to set out on paper, a number of specific projects in more detail. Priority is the inclusion or maps and directional signposting. The judges look forward to future adjudication of the village.