

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LEGAN**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	22
The Built Environment	40	19	18
Landscaping	40	21	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	13	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	153	144

Legan, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application, comments and excellent map. Comments were noted. A 3-5 year plan is awaited though the judges understand about the building work, which now seems complete and allows now for plans to be made.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment in Legan is good except for the premise of the corner. Leanamore Post Office was well presented and had a nice basket. Whytes Supermarket is gleaming and also had some fine flowers. The Convenience Stores looks as though it might need some attention in the future. TA Kiernans is well painted and the use of the traditional approach makes a good impact. The tin roof at the side which requires a coat of paint does take away from it a bit. The church, grounds were very presentable and the railings looked newly painted. – well done. The basketball court is a great amenity for the village to have; associated wall planting is very fine. The school looks well and the new trees will mature nicely and contribute significantly to that area of the village. The Parish hall is reasonable; perhaps it is the grey colour that makes it look as though it needs extra colour! The Andy Flood Memorial Park is a hive of work. The stone walls here unfortunately look as though they will not encourage wall flora. Perhaps members of the committee would be able to encourage growth of selected plants by scratching at the cement area so that seeds can get a foothold. . The grey pump on the Ardagh road looks well and the small well on the Ballynacarrigy road was clean.

LANDSCAPING

The area beside the handball alley looked very well. The picnic table is nicely situated beside the stream yet close to the handball alley. Will a mural enhance the alley? The judges think that is may detract from the overall visual impact of the area, and also be difficult to keep maintained. The beds beside the river did require further weeding and it would be advised to set a litterbin here as people congregate here and 1/2 pieces of litter could be seen. Has there been a co-ordinated approach with hanging baskets, many of them seem to be purple/pink in colour and look well. The corner houses particularly made an impact.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Wildlife and related areas needs to be developed in the plan. Identification of different habitats, perhaps with local knowledge and through advice from a wildlife officer as well as

reading yourselves would give a greater appreciation of the environment. Perhaps work could be carried out in conjunction with local pupils in the school.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was generally good though a couple of pieces were espied e.g. at the grey pump and at the handball alley. Litterbins were in evidence. Education of the litterbugs and vigilance for everyone else is required.

TIDINESS

The village is tidy though the longer grass did detract slightly from the tidiness. The derelict area also contributed to it.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Smithfield Crescent and the new houses were reasonable, though a green painted house had some fine baskets. The centre area should be planted with trees/shrubs (indigenous preferably) around the side and the centre area used for children's play area. There is a nice stone house on the terrace with fine flowering clematis though the white wall along from here requires repainting. The houses on the Ardagh/Ballymahon road had well clipped back hedges and the exterior walls were well painted. The brown house and wall is different and worked well. At least it does not have the problem of cars/lorries splashing rainwater up during the winter months.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were reasonable. The stone signs are nice and simple, however they were obscured by long grass on the Ballynacarrigy road. There has been a lot of growth recently and the approaches had not been cut back as far as usual. Work was being carried out on the painting of the black and yellow markings on the day of judging. The Ardagh/Ballymahon approach was good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Legan is a village that has potential to do well in the competition. Now that the building has been completed, set out your plans for the next few years and good luck.