

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ANNALORE**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	21	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	30	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	21	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Annalore, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

This adjudicator would like to welcome Annalore to the Tidy Towns competition. Your decision to enter the competition demonstrates a positive community interest in preserving and promoting the environment and features of Annalore. Your concise 3 year plan has clearly identified achievable targets that will enhance the area.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There are many features in Annalore that deserve your attention and you have made considerable progress with the bridge and stone wall to date. There are some attractive railings and landscaping at the house adjoining the bridge. The lane has some nice stone walls and a stone house that would look well if it was tidied to improve its presentation, although I note that this area is marked for improvement. In addition to the walls you have highlighted, there is a fine stone wall opposite the green area that would look lovely if it were tidied. The Forge is worthy of attention as it is a fine feature building. A tidy little style area was noted beside the bridge.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The green area looks very well with some lovely trees, planting and roses. Directional signs offer additional opportunities for planting. Some attractive flower features and gardens were noted at many of the properties in the area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Tidy Towns Committee have an important role in preserving and suitably enhancing the natural environment within their community. The lovely shady lane has plenty of bird life and the river is a lovely feature worthy of enhancement and preservation. There are other opportunities for enhancing and conserving wildlife habitats and the environment within the village. Wild flower meadows/grass areas, nesting boxes, pond/water features, trees and hedgerows offer additional opportunities. The local children and their school and grounds are an option for developing some of these opportunities. When choosing appropriate signs for projects ensure to enhance rather than detract from the environment you are promoting and preserving. Work in conjunction with relevant local bodies, ENFO, or a local wildlife expert to develop this area.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was virtually no litter in the area on the day of adjudication, well done. As your plans progress it would be advisable to have a bin in the green or bridge area.

## **TIDINESS**

Annalore presented a general tidy image on the day of adjudication. Your future plans will further enhance this perception as the work progresses

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The houses in the area looked very well on the day of adjudication with some attractive hanging baskets, lawns, hedges and landscape features noted.

## **ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Approach roads in themselves provide the first impression of an area and with this in mind they deserve special consideration. There are no signs that announce you are actually in Annalore, which is a community with its own identity. Such signs could also provide an interesting landscape feature. The work planned for the lane will enhance this area and work should continue on the footpaths. The grass verges need to be tidied on the Killinea road. The shady lane past the green area also needs some attention. The bridge itself looks well and is an important focal point for the area.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

As you stated in the questionnaire the Tidy Towns competition will encourage your small community to work together to develop and enhance Annalore. Good Luck with your work programme.