

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ATHLEAGUE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	29
The Built Environment	40	21	22
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	20	21
Tidiness	20	8	10
Residential Areas	30	16	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	25
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	165	170

Athleague, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Athleague has great potential in relation to this competition. The Athleague Village Improvements Plan is very comprehensive. However many of the problems outlined in it were evident on the day of the visit. Work carried out during the year was very visible, although all of the projects outlined in this year's application form had not come to fruition. It was good to note the co-operation between the committee and the local authorities. Much of the lovely stone-work in the village has been highlighted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Garda Barracks needs repainting. The Angling Centre building looks well and it was noted that the grounds were being landscaped but picnic tables require cleaning. Many of the businesses look well and their efforts show. Premises such as the house on either side of 'Kean's' on the Creggs Road, the large building beside Keane's new supermarket, the old school, the premises beside the Town Hall and the Athleague food stores all detract from the village. There are other premises such as 'Healy's' that would be vastly improved by repainting. The Old Mill, the Castle, the Changing Rooms and the Pump House, which have such potential are currently not fulfilling it. The bi-lingual sign on the Post Office was noted and the new housing estate is taking shape nicely.

LANDSCAPING

When completed the work taking place on the Creggs Road and the new Amenity Park will be a welcome addition to the town. The Church grounds were well maintained and landscaped. On the Roscommon Road there were some nice flower beds. The Pump is a nice feature and the adjacent sign is well maintained, but the seat would benefit from painting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The work in progress at the rear of the Town Hall was noted; this could be a lovely feature in the future. With regard to wildlife, the River Suck and its banks should be cleaned of algae, etc.

LITTER CONTROL

There is still room for improvement. While the centre of the village was reasonable litter free there was quite an amount of litter on the approach roads (particularly Creggs Road). There was little evidence of litterbins.

TIDINESS

While efforts are being made, many areas of the village are untidy, e.g. rear of the Town Hall. The graveyard by the river banks is completely overgrown. The site on Rockwood Road by the abandoned trailer is also untidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some people are doing a great job, others should be encouraged to do so, one modern bungalow on the Athlone Road has badly maintained grounds. There are some lovely flower gardens in the new housing estate.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The verges of major and minor roads approaching the village are generally not well maintained. Derelict farm machinery and old cars are also visible.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

One of the problems Athleague has, is that it has so much to offer and it will take time to get it all to come together. I would totally re-iterate the comments made after last year's visit.