

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LOUGHMORE**
County : **TIPPERARY NORTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	21	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	19	18
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	154	148

Loughmore, Tipperary N.R.

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed questionnaire but unfortunately there was no sketch map to indicate places of interest in the village which is nestled away off the main Thurles/Roscrea road. The support of the local community should be augmented by developing a good working relationship with Tipperary North County Council. The FAS involvement is to be welcomed. Last years report suggested that a work plan over a two-year period should be drawn up. If the Village, which has potential, is to make progress in the competition a work plan is crucial.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard in this category was quite good as most buildings, both private and commercial, were well presented. Most had been recently painted. Young's Pub and the adjoining carpark have improved immensely over the last number of years. Both Purcell Castle and the Old Mill are focal points of the village and it is good to see that both are easily accessible to the public. The Church and the graveyard were both in very good condition; boundary walls and railings have been painted since last year. As was the case last year the private house opposite the Post Office, which itself was in very good condition, was next and colourful.

LANDSCAPING

There was evidence of very good work being undertaken in the picnic area where existing trees and border shrubs are maturing nicely. The village street was much more colourful than last year which is praise in itself. Keep up the effort.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is a pity to see that no reference was made in your application to any proposed wildlife project. The village has so many natural habitats that it would benefit from some form of wildlife programme. The committee should, prior to next year's competition, undertake a local wildlife project in conjunction with the County Council, local school and a local person with local wildlife knowledge.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard in this section was good, your efforts at promoting the anti litter message to the local community is paying off. The introduction of a local school Litter Awareness Competition is very worthwhile and should be continued on annual basis.

TIDINESS

Loughmore is a rural village within a farming community. It is inevitable that farm related activities can contribute to a little untidiness. Summer is a very busy time with silage and haymaking ongoing so it is important that the committee make sure that regular clean ups occur. Again some of the name and directional signs were a little unsightly so it is important that the local authority be asked to clean them up.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The condition of residences in the village was good and the encouragement being given by the committee is paying dividends. The standard was an improvement on last year as more people in the village have made a contribution by brightening up their homesteads.

The boundary walls of the terrace of houses have improved since last year.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were in reasonable condition with verges cut and hedgerows trimmed appropriately.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village was peaceful and looked well on a fine summers morning. Loughmore is a nice rural retreat off the main Thurles/Roscrea Road and the committee has put a lot of hard work into the competition over the last number of years. Progress is being made so keep up the effort.