

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **AGLISH VILLAGE**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	28
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	17
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	215	206

Aglish Village, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you very much for your entry form, map and development plan for Aglish. It was most helpful, on adjudication day. It is good to see that you continue to liaise with the County Council, FAS, ESB, Telecom Eireann and the local National School. Another agency to contact would be the National Rehabilitation Board who would have some useful information to give you in providing facilities for persons with mobility problems. I note that you have merged with the Aglish Community Development Group and this should be of great benefit to the Committee. The Tidy Towns Committee, as you mentioned in your report, have had a major impact on improving the environment. No doubt you have had many achievements over the years and you rightly have to feel good about it. Last year's report did not contain any major criticism except to make some helpful suggestions which might make the task easier. Hopefully a development plan will be the kick start to get support to rectify any problems which you have.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School continues to be maintained very well, the trees are maturing and there was some lovely hanging baskets, which had a generous filling of delightful flowers. The Church was well presented but does need painting, as does the boundary wall of the house next door to it. The Post Office and Garda Station again continue to be maintained very well. The boundary walls of the Muintir na Tire Hall do need painting. The screening in front of the Co-Op Stores is doing well. The GAA Hall is in a neat and tidy condition, but perhaps the roof would need some treatment. The business properties in the village are maintained very well. The boundary walls of the Garage and its gate would need to be painted. Again the old graveyard continues to be well maintained, as pointed out last year, it is not an easy task to maintain it to the excellent standard to which you have done.

LANDSCAPING

The management of the open green spaces throughout is well maintained. The raised area across from the School and Church in to the village centre is very well tended to and there is an excellent variety of shrubs, trees and rose beds. The new shrub area is to be admired and no doubt, when they mature it will look stunning.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have great scope in the village for wildlife. I know that you have erected bird boxes in various parts of the village, and that you have planted a tree suitable for the attraction of butterflies. Well done! Again, the stream has great potential to encourage some more wildlife in the village. There is some very useful information contained in the Tidy Towns Handbook which you received this year from the Department of the Environment & Local Government (start at page 65). This section provides guidelines on how projects should be tackled and further detailed advice could be obtained from a local expert. The Irish Wildlife Conservancy, again, will only be too glad to give help and advice.

LITTER CONTROL

Your overall control of litter is very good and you have put in place very good plans for keeping litter under control. Very few pieces evident - some small pieces under the bin opposite the Post Office and another few pieces further down from that. It is good to see that the young people take an active part in litter control. There are many ways in which the energy and interest of our young people can be harnessed and you already capitalise on that. Perhaps you might also seek involvement from the youth organisations such as Foroige, Macra, Youth Clubs, etc.

TIDINESS

The village continues to be maintained in a tidy condition throughout. The control of weed growth at kerbs and at the base of buildings was very good. It is good to see that you have got funding for the undergrounding of all wires in your village and when this is done it will improve the appearance of the village considerably.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the properties continue to be maintained to a very high standard. Some boundary walls do need attention. Again, the houses opposite the shop are kept very well but a few of the railings would need attention. I note from your entry form that you do not have the co-operation of some residents. This is a pity and hopefully they will come on-side in the future. Well done to all concerned who made a tremendous effort to present their properties very attractively.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were maintained in a tidy condition and the signs were clean throughout. Perhaps attention might be given to gates which open on to fields within the village area and opposite the School. I note from your plan that the footpaths will be receiving attention. You also indicate

that the signposting is inadequate and no doubt, in the years ahead this will receive attention. Do use bilingual signposting where appropriate.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is good to see that you are making tremendous efforts to overcome difficult problems. With good will on everybody's part this will be overcome. You have done much to improve the presentation of the village over the years and this is to be commended. There is more work to be done but take great credit for what you have achieved to-date.