

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ATHLACCA**
County : **LIMERICK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	20	19
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	183	177

Athlacca, County Limerick

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed application form and the attached map of the village and surrounds.

It is good to see that the community is rowing in behind the Committee and that responsibility is being shared to ensure that Athlacca makes progress in the competition.

A practical 3-year work plan would be worthwhile, as it would outline priority works to be undertaken over this period.

Give consideration to the above suggestion for next year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard in this section was quite good as both commercial and private buildings were for the most part presented very well.

There were a few premises that needed a little attention even basic painting would suffice.

The Church and School were well maintained both being clean and tidy especially the adjoining areas.

The GAA Grounds, which were painted in the Club colours of blue and white, were a credit to a small rural club.

The PO, which is often the focal point in any village, was also in tiptop condition offset by colourful flowerpots.

New development Dawn Court will enhance the village and is in keeping with a rural streetscape.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping undertaken was in keeping with the layout of the village although the green area in front of Cois Abhann could do with a little more prudent planting.

The Community Amenity at the bridge over the Morning Star River is an excellent addition to Athlacca and no doubt will be appreciated for its tranquillity by the residents.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As was stated in last years report it would be quite easy for Athlacca to improve in this category.

There are many natural wildlife habitats that could be the catalyst for a simple wildlife project.

Why not try to get the schoolchildren involved in a project that could be done in tandem with their efforts in litter control.

An information board on local history associated with the Morning Star might be something to consider.

LITTER CONTROL

There was an improvement in this category although some litter was observed in and around the village.
The Schoolchildren are to be complimented for their efforts because they are slowly paying off.

TIDINESS

There is room for more improvement in this category as there were a number of examples of unnecessary untidiness to be seen around the village.

Fly posting evident on a number of poles needs to be controlled, or should I say eliminated, as it can become an eyesore especially in small village.

Bottles and crates untidily stacked outside one hostelry are not contributing to the Tidy towns effort.

The Committee should take note of these issues for next year's competition.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Athlacca will benefit from the new housing development at Dawn Court and maybe the local hurling club will produce a few potential stars of the future!

Cois Abhann is nicely presented although as suggested earlier the green area could do with a little more prudent planting

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The condition of the road surface was remarked upon in last years report to be honest there does not seem to be much improvement.

The Bruree entrance was good except that the signs were obscured by overgrowth.

The Bruff entrance will be enhanced by the housing development and stonewalls that were in the process of being constructed on adjudication day.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Village is making progress each year but has the potential to do even better.

It has a number of natural attractions that some other villages do not and this, in itself is a big plus factor.

The Committee of six should devise a three-year work plan and try to encourage other village organisations and groups to come on board.