

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CULLYFAD**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	20	16
Landscaping	40	14	11
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	10
Litter Control	40	20	20
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	12	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	12
General Impression	10	6	4
TOTAL MARK	300	131	114

Cullyfad, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cullyfad is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. Thank you for your completed application which proved very helpful for adjudication purposes. It is interesting to note that your village is only two years old, although it has always been a place for social gatherings in this part of the country. The village is very beautiful, set as it is in rolling countryside and with a gentle curve to its main street. The combination of fields and stands of trees and hedgerow give Cullyfad a distinctive rural ambience. It is good to note that the community is working with the local authority, FAS and other agencies on the overall development of the village. Well done on another fine presentation. Good luck with your plans for organising a Sports Day for surrounding communities. We look forward to many repeat visits to lovely Cullyfad. Well done on a substantial increase in marks this year. You should now put together a three to five year work programme in order to have an integrated approach to the development of your village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church is beautiful and complements its setting. The cemetery gates could be refurbished, these have some nice features and the roadside boundary walls here should be brought to the same standard of presentation as the church. Stone wall restoration has been successful and well worth the effort.

LANDSCAPING

There is a good mix of young trees, semi-mature and mature trees in the village and marking access points. Some landscaping is suggested for the large carparking area of the community centre which looks quite stark as it is. The building itself, however, was much admired, particularly with its appealing colour scheme. Flower displays at the church are a nice touch.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

One doesn't need to spend much time in Cullyfad before appreciating the abundance of wildlife in the area. Perhaps a start could be made by identifying the wildlife habitats and threats to wildlife and taking ameliorative measures to insure the conservation of Cullyfad's wildlife heritage. Another appropriate project might be the management of grass verges on approach roads for a summer display of wild flowers. Perhaps at some future date a sign posted walk to the stream might be developed. We note the broad leafed tree plantation

on your door step, this is a valuable legacy for future generations. Perhaps a nature walk through your nearby woodland area could be developed.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good. No serious outbreaks of litter were noted, however you do not provide any information regarding your litter control programme, perhaps you can forward information on this for next year. We note with interest, however that you do have regular clean-ups and are hoping for the delivery of litter bins soon, good luck with your plans in this respect. The two litter bins at either end of the village, i.e. at the cemetery and at the community centre, are well placed.

TIDINESS

There are no serious problems under this heading, however sporadic outbreaks of weed growth were noted in inappropriate places, i.e. to the roadside areas of boundary walls to private properties, in carparking areas and so on. Do try to keep this in check. The derelict building located across from the community hall should have its window and door apertures neatly boarded up as an interim measure until its development.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties are generally well presented but a little more attention is necessary for some roadside boundary walls, e.g. cleaning, painting, repairing and some roadside areas to boundary walls, e.g. weeding, resurfacing, grassing etc.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Well done on the acquisition of the new nameplates, they look fine and give a strong sense of identity to Cullyfad. Try to keep them in their present good condition. An old iron gate behind the nameplate just before the community centre might be refurbished and featured as an attractive feature at this entrance to the village. Encourage the local authority now to provide sign posting from the main Ballinalee road. It would be a good idea to adopt a co-ordinated colour scheme for field gates. Perhaps colours could be adopted for Cullyfad and used on items of street furniture, such as gates, bins, flower containers, etc. Some resurfacing is necessary throughout the village, no doubt you are aware of this. A 'Yield' sign at the church end of the village needs to be refurbished.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Cullyfad is most favourable. Neat verges, new nameplates, well presented community buildings such as the church and the community centre are a credit to

those responsible and create a very favourable impression. Lovely winding bends at both ends of the village makes both entrances very interesting. Congratulations on a significant increase in marks.