

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LEGAN**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	23
The Built Environment	40	20	19
Landscaping	40	28	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	13
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	15	13
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	168	153

Legan, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Legan is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. The village is beautiful with well maintained green areas, appropriate landscaping together with neatly presented and maintained stone walls, well done! The information panel on 'Legan and District' is both beautiful and useful. If you have a development plan, you should send us in a summary of it together with a list of the work that has been achieved for the year of application. It is important to take an overall co-ordinated approach to the development of the village. It was good to note your liaison with FAS and the local authority. The overall impression of Legan is most favourable, its beautifully landscaped road verges and other green areas are its strongest point in the competition and the plethora of trees and shrubs together with a variety of species are well thought out.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Well done on improvements to the Community Hall. The school and its grounds look superb. 'Whites Supermarket' is presented to a very high standard in respect of buildings, petrol pumps and forecourt area. The flower displays located here are beautiful. Smiths Bar has a simple but effective presentation and the T. Kiernan property looks well also.

LANDSCAPING

The entrance from the Abbeyshrule road was remarkable in its presentation of grass verges and landscaping. The 'Welcome' namestone was particularly admired. The planting of forty trees and sixty shrubs is quite an accomplishment for such a small community.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The handball alley has been imaginatively painted and looks well, well done! The roadside boundary to the sports grounds (The Andy Flood Memorial Park) were much admired, particularly in respect of their art work (engraved slabs). Stretches of hedgerow are being well maintained. The basketball court located behind the landscaped stone enclosure across from the church is a fine amenity for young people and looks well also. Flag Iris and other wildflowers were noted in ditches, perhaps an appropriate wildlife project would be to do a species count either of stretches of hedgerow or ditches and to report on this.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good, however it was weakest on the green verge opposite the entrance to Smithfield Crescent. You may need to rethink your litter control strategy.

TIDINESS

There were no major problems under this heading. A derelict building behind Kiernans, if not refurbished soon, could be clothed with a fast growing climbing plant such as Russian Vine to 'soften' its appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The single storey residential properties lining the entrance from one approach are presented to a very high standard and there are many attractive gardens indeed. No doubt the vacant house located across from the school will be reoccupied in the not too distant future, given the demand for housing in the current economic climate. Single storey residential properties at the junction across from Kiernans are equally well presented. A boundary wall adjacent to the Kiernans property is in urgent need of attention. The 'Smithfield Crescent' development looks well, a little more care will need to be taken regarding outbreaks of weed growth along kerbs, the long grass around the young trees will inhibit their growth and should be cut back. Are there plans to develop the large green area here? A small children's play area could be incorporated into its landscaping. The flower displays at the house across from Kiernans were much admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Congratulations on the new lighting scheme being put in place. We look forward to the ducting of service cables in the village centre. Street furniture was well presented in general.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Legan is most favourable.