

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ANNAGASSAN**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	195	191

Annagassan, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and map. Some interesting proposals for the future were noted. In order to gain extra points in the competition next year, you must submit a simple 3/5 year plan, clearly setting out the projects you wish to undertake in that timeframe. You should highlight each year the projects completed over that period, in order to receive full recognition for your valuable work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The bridge and stone walls on the northern side of the village make this a most attractive entrance point. The whitewashed mill, pubs, shop and Credit Union are all well presented. The gable wall of Slan's could be painted, as highlighted by last year's adjudicator. It is good to see that the various premises mentioned last year as requiring attention have been painted. A solution still needs to be found to improve the appearance of the vacant premises beside O'Neills Bakery. The bus shelter and walled Amenity Park are well constructed. The Heritage Centre unfortunately appears to be closed down, as evidenced by its weed filled carpark.

LANDSCAPING

The grassed verges with their lines of trees outside the TADCO Office are very well maintained. The new walled amenity park with picnic benches is a credit to the village and we look forward to seeing it mature over the coming years. Perhaps you should consider providing a bin in the park or at the bus shelter.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Annagassan enjoys a beautiful setting on the Louth coast with splendid views of the Cooley and Mourne Mountains in the distance. The harbour is completely under utilised as an amenity area. Future plans should take into consideration how to conserve and manage the natural amenities of the river and the beach, which are such important parts of the village and rich wildlife habitats. A harbour walk could be a starting point. The plan to provide a tourist information board is certainly worthwhile and should highlight both natural amenities and wildlife, as well as the unique Viking heritage of the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good. Only a few small pieces of litter were noted on the grass verges opposite the TADCO Office.

TIDINESS

The village presents quite a tidy scene overall. However, the lack of consistency in the road kerbing referred to last year is still an issue. Some weeds were noted at the front of the vacant house adjoining O'Neills Bakery. The surface of the harbour car park is in poor condition and a lot of weed growth was evident

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The An Rian Estate is beautifully maintained, with neatly trimmed greens and attractive flowerbeds. The same applies to the houses opposite. There are some very fine houses and gardens on the approach roads and in the village centre. The colourful gardens of these houses make a very important contribution to the overall appearance of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road surface in front of the old mill is in poor condition and needs to be upgraded. All approach roads to the village are attractive with neatly trimmed verges. There are splendid views on the Castlebellingham and Togher approaches in particular.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Annagassan is an interesting village with many unusual features in a lovely coastal setting. With a planned approach to future projects you will be able to achieve much and see your hard work bear fruit.