

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONBULLOGUE**
County : **OFFALY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	39
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	37	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	37	37
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	34	34
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	249	248

Clonbullogue, County Offaly

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Clonbullogue is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. Thank you for your continued participation. The village looked splendid for adjudication and was presented to the standard we have come to expect from Clonbullogue. The difficulties you are experiencing with the new Europeat Power Station is acknowledged and allowances have been made. We wish you well with your discussions with statutory bodies. Well done on the map on the wall at the Garda station, it is a nice touch.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The hall looks particularly well. St. Patricks National School together with the FAS building are well presented also. The large grey concrete block walls into the vehicle yard on the Portarlinton road could be improved somewhat. The church is much admired and Richies and its outbuildings are both attractive and neat.

LANDSCAPING

The village green continues to be one of Clonbullogue's most attractive features and the trees on the main street complement it. We look forward to the provision of the new fascia board for the shop. The new seating arrangement between trees give the main street a more 'pedestrianised' focus which is welcome. The rose beds on the larger green were not in bloom for first adjudication, no doubt these will be in full bloom by the second round. The hedging along the wire and post fencing out the Daingean road is coming on considerably and providing good enclosure to the fields here. Hedging to the wire and post fencing out the Edenderry road is being well managed also. The flower displays to the roadside boundary of the garage are colourful. The tall hedgerow on the Portarlinton road is nicely dressed.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wildflowers in the ditch out the Daingean and Portarlinton roads are an important wildlife feature. The riverside walk is a wonderful development and serves the community well. The riverside amenity area offers welcome shelter from the heat of the June sun and as already noted the riverside walk is an appealing feature.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is excellent, well done! The only litter seen were two or three scraps on the verge out the Portarlinton road.

Some of the litter bins could be refurbished or, at least, have new plaques inserted.

TIDINESS

The standard continues to be admirable under this heading . No major problems were noted and your comments regarding the pipe laying were taken into account.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses under construction in the 'Woodlawn Estate' are sitting in nicely with their neighbours. A number of entrances to residential properties on the Portarlinton road have yet to be developed. As you are aware and as has been stated in previous reports, some roadside boundary walls in the 'Woodlawn' development could be improved. The continuity presented by residential properties along the main street with the box hedgerow forming a boundary along their entire length is very pleasing to the eye.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Well done on the painting of the posts in the wire and post fencing on the Portarlinton road. The bridge out the Daingean road is an attractive feature and the view of the river walk from here is appealing. The new footpath out the Edenderry road has been noted. Is it complete now or will it be extended to serve residential properties further out this road?. Some back lanes in the 'Woodlawn' development could be upgraded. Perhaps the carpark of Richies could be filled in with copious amount of gravel to take the bare potholed look off it.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Clonbullogue is developing admirably. It is good to note your 'Oak Partnership' initiative, we look forward to receiving a copy of the new plans.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (10/08/00)

In spite of the problems caused by external factors, enumerated on the entry form, Clonbullogue retains its enviable position at the head of the County. By second adjudication day there had been some weed growth on kerbsides and at entrances – this is something which has to be watched throughout the summer. Congratulations on the splendid continuing effort.