

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BROCKAGH-CLOGHAN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	13
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	21
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	169

Brockagh-Cloghan, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Brockagh-Cloghan is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. The village is located on a busy thoroughfare yet enjoys scenic views of the surrounding countryside. The 'Issac Butt' heritage centre is a fine development. Well done! Why do you not feature name plates with your full name? Thank you for your fine development plan and good luck with its implementation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are no major problems under this heading. All properties look well. You should encourage property owners to remove/replace plastic neon signs. Be vigilant in the presentation of curtilage areas also.

LANDSCAPING

Young trees were noted at both entrances to the village and behind the retaining wall to the car park located opposite Harkins. These will make a significant contribution to their environs as they mature. They will also be valuable to wildlife. Flower displays were noted. Focus more on shrubs for seasonal interest rather than bedding plants which are by nature ephemeral. Summer seating was noted, well done!

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is good to note your plans to focus on this area at some stage in the near future. The overall objective must be to identify species present and threats to these from development works. Steps can then be taken to protect and / or conserve wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good on adjudication day. Your new litter bins appear to be fulfilling their function. Do send in details of your 'litter regime', these could earn you additional marks under this heading.

TIDINESS

The derelict buildings near the bridge are a problem under this heading. It is important to maintain footpaths weed free especially along their kerbs.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of residential properties are nicely presented both in respect of buildings themselves and curtilage areas. Many gardens were admired. Work in progress has been noted to a new house located beside the garage. Some older houses could be cleaned and / or painted. A good

presentation overall under this heading.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Well done on stone facing the bridge walls. Congratulations on the new footpath also. At the time of adjudication the stretch of footpath to the Heritage Centre had yet to be surfaced, however it was well laid and kerbed. Some stretches of road up to the small estate need to be resurfaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Brockagh-Cloghan is a nice village with much potential to do well in the Tidy Towns Competition. We wish you well for the future.