

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CLONMANY**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	19	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>157</b>

## **Clonmany, Co. Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Clonmany is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. Do try to have a plan prepared to guide Clonmany's development over the next three to five years and guard against piecemeal development. The entrance from the Binnion Bay road is quite stately in the way the village is framed by mature trees. Clonmany's situation on the banks of the river against a backdrop of hills is beautiful.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Work in progress was noted on the Market House. We look forward to its completion. The square itself is being nicely developed and when its service poles are replaced by attractive lampstandards and cables ducted, it will make a big difference visually speaking. Doherty's Centra Shop and adjoining residence is an important focal point in the villagescape and it is good that its presentation is excellent. Well done! Both the Garda station and the school looked well also, but weed growth was noted to the roadside of the former. The church and graveyard at the Carndonagh/Buncrana road junction is also an important focal point and was also very well presented. Other well presented buildings include the Community Hall and the Square Bar.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Young trees at the car park opposite the church will enhance their environs significantly as they mature. Take every opportunity to extend your tree planting programme. Trees could be planted in the square, on wide stretches of footpath and at the car park on the Ballybay junction. Hedgerow could be planted to stretches of concrete post fencing.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It is important to know what wildlife habitats and species diversity exist in the village and its environs, so that these can be protected in the event of future development such as the Holiday Homes on the river bank. The sports grounds are reasonably well presented.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control could have been better during adjudication. Litter consisted mainly of soft drinks bottles and Take Away wrappers, which were located mostly in the environs Catrionas Newsagent. Your litter management plan should be revised, otherwise you will lose marks under this heading next year.

## **TIDINESS**

The 'bring centre' and its immediate environs was tidy. Try to maintain the vacant Health Board premises on the Ballybay road to a good standard until redevelopment and, in particular, keep the boundary wall freshly whitewashed. There was some untidiness at the Fireplace Centre, this may have been due to work in progress. Ensure that all building materials are removed upon completion of work.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Saint Columbcille Village and Medical Centre development is excellent. Gardens to individual homes on the Carndonagh road contrasts with and complements the backdrop of distant hills. Ensure that the planned Holiday Homes development is sensitive to its environs. A good overall presentation.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Approach roads to Clonmany are nicely presented, particularly the 'Binnion Bay' road with its mature stand of trees and layers of herbage, including ferns. Stretches of new stone wall were admired. Car parking is orderly. A more attractive height barrier is suggested for the car park near the church.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Clonmany looked well during adjudication and is a village with much potential. Do work to an overall plan for the village to avoid 'ad hoc' developments.