

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **WOODFORD**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	25
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	20	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	30	25
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	8	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>155</b>

## **Woodford, Co Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Having the village divided into sections under the direction of committee members is a good way to ensure people take responsibility for their own areas. The developments you outlined have been noted with satisfaction. The work of the students was noticeable by the absence of litter and I'm sure they contributed in other worthwhile ways.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The main street contains some solid old buildings, tall and imposing. The business premises are especially good at providing a good display while the presence of window boxes and hanging flower baskets spreads cheer around. The footpaths are being laid down and consequent rubble attaches. The remains of a derelict building at Barrack Lane have been painted dark green which helps to camouflage its presence.

### **LANDSCAPING**

This is where the effort will show results over time. Work was in progress on the Rockhill Road at the time of inspection. The raised beds and planting are making their contribution to the landscaping improvements in your plans. The Garda Station and Loughrea Road in particular were noted.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Bay area is used for recreation and fishing and is surrounded with mature woods. It is such a pity that it is also the site chosen for a mobile home.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The village appeared remarkably free of litter, possibly because street cleaning was in progress and litter bins had been emptied.

### **TIDINESS**

The Student Summer Job Scheme may have been responsible for the general tidiness of the roads and public areas. However, on Barrack Lane there appears to be an abandoned tractor and another on the Loughrea Road.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The houses and gardens give the impression that a special effort has been made to plant flowers. Perhaps a little more trees and shrubs would add some balance.

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

The present siting of the sign "Woodford" on the Portumna Road is being obscured by a shrub in a flower bed at its base. At that height even meadow height grass could do the same. You might think of raising it some feet.

**GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Woodford is set in beautiful rolling countryside as its name suggests. With the odd exception you are succeeding in your aims of creating a beautiful village. Perhaps country or riverside walks could be planned. There may be a significant feature or memory in your history which deserves recognition and would give added focus to your village.