

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ATTANAGH**  
County : **LAOIS**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	24
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	32	34
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>179</b>

## **Attanagh, Co. Laois**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The church steeple in the distance heralds the approach to a village for the travelling public. One is not disappointed in arriving in Attanagh given its tranquility, high stone walls, winding road and trickling stream. Attanagh is very welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. It is good to note that you are taking steps to develop your unique features. We wish you well in your endeavours. You did not include a copy of your planned work programme covering the next three to five years. Do forward one next year because it is difficult to progress in the competition without one. It is important that all activities undertaken are done in a planned rather than a piecemeal way. The Fly Fishing and Game Shooting Museum is an interesting concept and will make a significant contribution to the cultural life of the village upon completion. Marks have been lost under this heading because of the lack of a plan.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Post Office and its carpark are neatly presented. The Church of Ireland premises is an important part of your heritage as is the Old Mill. We wish you success in your efforts to lease key buildings of the village. The museum was not open during adjudication.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaped verges look exceptionally well. In your future planting resist the temptation to use Cordylines as these are non-native. Some green areas need to be upgraded.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There is plenty of scope to develop the amenity potential of the river, the three eyed bridge here is a handsome feature. Tall hedgerow throughout the village must be rich in wildlife, perhaps a project could be undertaken to identify the number of species present and heighten awareness of the value of wildlife.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Marks have been lost under this heading because no details of your litter maintenance programme have been forwarded and litter control was less good than in previous years.

### **TIDINESS**

Sprayed weeds must be removed as these look dreadful, particularly along kerbs and the base of walls. Remind property owners of the need to be vigilant about the curtilage areas of their properties.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Dead weeds to the roadside of a boundary wall to a residential property at the Durrow end of the village should be removed as these look unsightly. A number of boundary walls to private properties need treatment in the form of cleaning, painting or whitewashing. The majority of residential properties are bungalows, there are no small estates. This has both advantages and disadvantages. If small developments do develop, try to have an input into their design, layout and character.

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

Nameplates were dirty and some signposts need to be refurbished, however the namestones looked well. The wirescape in the centre of the village is visually obtrusive, we wish you well in your efforts to have it ducted and to have attractive street lighting installed.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Attanagh is favourable with its magnificent stands of mature trees and plenty of young trees planted for future generations. Landscaped areas look well also.