

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ANNAGASSAN**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	197	195

Annagassan, Co. Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Annagassan is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. You might consider some interpretive facilities to highlight the Viking mound. Do send us in a summary of your development plan, covering the next two to three years. It is very difficult to progress in the competition without this. The amenity garden is quite nice with pergolas and picnic tables enclosed by a loose stone wall.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Buildings are generally well presented, some need a little more attention, for example the Slán premises. The Credit Union looks superb. The Slán and adjacent outbuilding are important visual focal points in the streetscape on entering the village from the Dillonstown road, however both need upgrading. Be vigilant regarding curtilage areas especially at roadside edges.

LANDSCAPING

Verges within the village are nicely grassed, maintained and planted with trees and shrubs. Some consideration might be given to landscaping the quayside at the harbour when other construction work has been completed. Grass verges along the road down to the harbour should be cleared, turned and reseeded. The crucifix memorial at the Viking mound is a nice touch. As noted above, the amenity garden was admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There appears to be no direct access to the foreshore area from the village, it is a pity that this wonderful amenity is not more easily accessible to the community. Some thought could be given to developing a walk along the foreshore area. You might consider undertaking a wetland habitat survey and featuring this in some way, either along the foreshore area or in the village centre. The goal should be to identify hazards to wildlife and necessary protective measures.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good. Well done on clean ups around the village together with the harbour and foreshore areas. We appreciate your difficulty when it comes to private property. Hopefully owners of property will eventually take the responsibility for this.

TIDINESS

Overall the village looks tidy but there are a number of untidy elements, for example at the harbour where work appears to be in progress. A few side areas also need

attention. Weed growth around the harbour area should be eliminated.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The An Rian residential development is nicely presented. It is hoped that the planned new housing development on the northern end of the village will complement the existing ambience of Annagassan in terms of the built environment and of its social and cultural life.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The wirescape in the village centre is visually obtrusive and hopefully will be ducted in the not too distant future. The service poles can then be removed and attractive lampstandards featured. The grass verge across from the An Rian residential development should be maintained neatly trimmed. The bridge is a very handsome feature of the village together with stone walls. The footpath should be extended to incorporate the entire village. The old waterpump at the Salterstown end of Annagassan might be refurbished.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Annagassan is an attractive well maintained village with much potential for amenity development.