

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LONGWOOD**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	--
The Built Environment	40	27	--
Landscaping	40	28	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	--
Litter Control	40	31	--
Tidiness	20	16	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	207	--

Longwood, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your submission which included an outline map of the village. The submission should include a brief long-term plan and a schedule of completed works. This plan will be of considerable benefit to the group in formulating a long term plan for the village. It will also help the group monitor their progress on a yearly basis. During the year the new Group have co-operated with some elements of the community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Longwood is a classic estate village consisting of an extremely wide main street. This is formally laid out on an axis with an important feature at either end of the axis: the garda station and the raised flower bed. In addition, the village has a spectacular green along the Dock Road. The village fabric consists of an attractive range of nineteenth and twentieth century buildings which open directly off the street. The garda station which closes the vista at one end of the main street, is a key element in the layout of the village. The building is in a poor state of presentation and a great effort should go into having the building refurbished. In addition, the main street would benefit from a double row of trees along its length. This would soften the environment generally and compliment the axial nature of the street layout.

LANDSCAPING

The village green is an important landscape and physical feature of the village. However, it is not well managed with weeds and damaged seating. The village has a range of attractive planting, particularly the new raised planter - the placing of which is very much in accord with the axial nature of the village plan.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Located as it is in rural County Meath the tidy towns group could consider creating a wildlife and natural amenity feature - Perhaps this could be located in a small section of the green and undertaken by the school.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the village was good and only occasional isolated instances were noted.

TIDINESS

The community hall is in poor condition and needs refurbishing. In addition, the car park is overgrown and in need of landscaping.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The village housing is for the most part well managed and presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to the village are lined with trees, hedgerows, walling, and grass margins - the latter very overgrown in parts. These approach roads could be improved by implementing some form of roadside management which would announce the formality of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village of Longwood is intrinsically attractive, but has considerably more potential to express and display its estate village character.