

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ANNALORE**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	22	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	10
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	179	175

Annalore, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The material submitted with the application was helpful. It is great to see that there is such enthusiasm within this tiny village. The traffic volume passing through is very heavy and this places certain pressures on the village. The bridge and the stone work together with the houses and gardens play a major role so that any improvements in these greatly influences the overall aspect of the village. The plans for future developments are well documented in your application.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone bridge and walls are attractive. The houses are very well presented and one can see that there is a great pride in this village.

LANDSCAPING

The most notable feature is the lime tree avenue. This is a unique feature and gives a lovely impression. Some work to keep this avenue at its best is a worthwhile objective as mentioned in your application. The gardens and the containers of the houses on both sides of the bridge bring a lovely character to this village. The natural landscape adds background for your developments.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river is an obvious wildlife treasure and ways of availing of this are the key to progress under this heading. The possibility of more access to the river would be interesting.

LITTER CONTROL

The village is very clean and apart from some bottles left on the road at the beginning of the lime tree avenue and a small amount of litter by the side grass verge there was a very good control of litter.

TIDINESS

Tidiness is apparent in the village and the completion of the footpath surfaces on the bridges will also help in this respect.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Great credit is due to the individual houses in the village for their very good garden presentations which for some meant dealing with difficult sites. The challenge of the sloping ground and exposure has been met successfully.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As stated above the road has to take a lot of pressure from

cars travelling to and from Clones. On the day of adjudication the speed of the cars and volume made a walk around the village very fearful. The proper surfacing of the footpath would be helpful as would more "Slow down" signs or some means to achieve this. The signage developments would be welcome. The lime tree avenue surface could also be improved.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is a fascinating village and has such an unusual feature of being centered on a bridge. The interest of the residents is very positive and it is great to have your village as an entrant in the Tidy Towns Competition.