

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **AUGHNACLIFFE**  
County : **LONGFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	22
The Built Environment	40	18	18
Landscaping	40	18	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	17	15
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	15
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>135</b>

# **Aughnaccliffe, County Longford**

## **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Development Plan is well set out, with annual priorities listed. You appear to be on target for this year, and that is highly commendable. An important point is made about the elongated nature of the village and efforts to create a more unified feeling. When enclosing your map next year please be sure to mark on it all locations where improvements have been made. If there are plans for local authority housing in the future, it would be advisable to ensure that the site is within the village area rather than at some remote location.

## **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church and school are remarkably well kept – the amusing murals at the latter were admired. The area next the Post Office was still in process of redevelopment at the date of adjudication and its completion will be looked forward to. Hourican's looked well.

## **LANDSCAPING**

Again, the grounds of both the church and the school are well tended, particularly the latter, where new gravel and planting was in evidence. The very pleasant roadside garden at the name sign on the road from Ballinamuck gives a most welcoming signal to the visitor when arriving in Aughnaccliffe. Grassed areas were well kept, and tubs and containers well filled, promising a splendid show by mid-summer.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Not much is mentioned in your report on this topic. There is ample space for more tree planting, especially at the northern approach to the village on the left coming from Arva, which is rather bleak. Why not arrange a competition for school children listing all animals and birds seen, and all varieties of trees, plants and flowers, to increase interest and knowledge in the next generation.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was good on the date of adjudication – congratulations. At least one new bin was noted.

## **TIDINESS**

Generally good, but there is an unkempt corner opposite the old National School which gives a poor impression when entering Aughnaccliffe from the south. (This contrasts with the excellent stone wall and planting on the opposite side.) Commercial yards can never be entirely tidy, but painting of boundary walls and gates would help tremendously.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses are very well looked after. Special congratulations to the residents of the house on the Ballinamuck Road mentioned above where the garden creates such a splendid impression. Fine stone walls at many homes were admired. The paving is poor in the vicinity of the pub at the northern end of the village.

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

Surfaces are reasonably good. There is a lack of definition between the road and the grassed area on the northern end of the street. The unusually long street with very few buildings is greatly enhanced by the length of excellent wooden paling which creates a much-needed feeling of cohesion.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

If you continue in the way envisaged in your Development Plan you may expect appreciable increases in marking under the different headings in years to come. Congratulations on a lot of thoughtful planning and a lot of hard work. Your ambition that 'the improvements would enhance the lives of those who live here' is most admirable and could be taken as a motto for the entire competition.