

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLONDRA**
County : **LONGFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	23	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186	185

Cullyfad, County Longford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The approach and achievement is admirable – do not allow yourselves to be overcome by the size of the competition or the smallness of your community – many larger places among the 700 plus have not done nearly as well – ; and do not be put off by such slights as the Ordnance Survey having you as ‘Killyfad’ on their maps! This is an attractive village, new to this adjudicator, and praised by last year’s.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The pristinely white church is the principal architectural feature of the village and is well looked after. The same may be said of the blue community centre. (Incidentally, there is an interesting-looking church tower a mile or so to the north - is it a feature which might be incorporated into your work?)

LANDSCAPING

The church has a nice neat surrounding garden. Flowers arranged here and there add to the air of care. There is plenty of opportunity for the planting of young trees along the roadside, or behind the roadside walls and fences in which case they should be protected from cattle. Have you considered the NeighbourWood scheme? This has to be entirely community based and details are in the Tidy Towns documentation.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Have you considered a school competition to interest and involve the next generation? To identify all local animals and birds, and also trees and plants.

LITTER CONTROL

There was relatively little litter on adjudication day – congratulations.

TIDINESS

It seems that everything practicable is being done to present Cullyfad as a tidy village. Persistence in trying to encourage owners of less well favoured sites to look after them properly is one of the solutions, and it is certainly time-consuming.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Homes are well looked after. The stone fronted houses are excellent and one of them probably unique. If there is to be any new local authority housing in the neighbourhood, please try to ensure that it is incorporated into the fabric of the village and not sited in some remote spot.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main road is maintained to average standard. The new and repaired stone walls are first class. The parking area at the Church is very neat and clean, and the gravel parking area at the Community Centre is also excellent. Well done in areas which are often overlooked elsewhere.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A place of real charm where the residents obviously appreciate their surroundings and take a great deal of trouble in maintenance and improvements.