

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>197</b>

## **Annagassan, County Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

The village is very picturesque and the approach from Castlebellingham is very pleasant. The stone bridge is really a lovely feature. Many thanks for the map and the information it is good to see that most of the residents are involved with the Tidy Towns. A short synopsis of work carried out in the past year and also on future developments would be appreciated with the application in future.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The main pier area is a fine facility and wooden picnic tables were in evidence though there was quite a bit of litter and no litter bin to be seen. The fishermen's lobster pots were neatly stacked to one side though in another area, there were lots of boxes and bits making it look very untidy. The marsh/scrub land beside the pier provided a haven for world flowers including poppies and escaped oilseed rape. The Glyde Inn is a nice old world pub though this part of the village would benefit from further planting. Salt resistant shrubs in pots such as hebes or olearias would look well.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The planting to welcome visitors to the village-looked wetland other planting maintained by each residence is commendable. It was a pity about the burnt out car in the middle of the landscaped area to the south of the village. One can do very little except ask Louth County Council to take it away. Do consider the use of species suitable for seaside areas so that they are resistant to the salt laden wind.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It was good to read of your appreciation of the sea environment. There were mounds of shells on the beach and the beach itself seemed quite clean. An audit as to what occurs in this type of habitat and a consideration of issues that need to be tackled should be undertaken.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litterbins were required down by the pier where a scattering of litter was evident. The centre of the village was clean. It was good to note the annual cleanup that take place in the village – well done.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was reasonably tidy though the length of it means that it must be difficult to keep tidy all of the time. Weeds were noticed at the kerbs on the Dillonstown Road. A marginal cutting of all the verges throughout the village may help to tie the village together.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The green in front of the houses on the Dillonstown Road required cutting though the houses themselves were well presented. The small estate was being cut at the time of adjudication and the houses looked well. Other one-off housing especially near the seafront had made a great effort – well done.

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

The road down to the pier urgently requires repair, as it was full of deep potholes. The Dillonstown road had weedy areas at the kerbside though the simple stone sign looked well. The Castlebellingham approach is very pleasant and there is a wonderful vista created by the turn over the stone bridge.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Annagassan is a pleasant small village. It is a long village and hence needs something to tie it together by planting similar shrubs/trees/planters or mowing of the grass verges in order that it ties together. The wildlife section should be considered, as you are fortunate in having some very special habitats on your doorstep. Good luck with the work.