

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **AGLISH VILLAGE**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	29	29
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	233	231

Aglish Village, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. Your comments regarding the 3/5 year plan have been noted. This should be done in conjunction with Waterford County Council, FÁS and your other partners and should identify what you can do over the period within your physical and financial resources. A tremendous amount has already been done and a very high mark has been achieved by the village. However if further progress is to be made it calls for planning and attention to detail.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your freshly painted Church, School, Glanbia premises, Garda Station, Hall and Post Office looked extremely well on adjudication day. Commercial premises in the village also looked well on adjudication day and are obviously being well maintained. Congratulations to all concerned. Your stone walls continue to be a feature of the village which, together with the Cemetery and the Grotto, are also being well maintained. The comment made by the second Adjudicator last year regarding corrugated roofs still applies.

LANDSCAPING

All sites mentioned on your map were visited. In particular the area around the Church was noted and looks resplendent as did the river area. As last year, flowers on walls, in window boxes and hanging baskets create a lovely atmosphere in the village.

WILDLIFE & NATURAL AMENITIES

While your comments under this heading are noted, the feeling is that you should consult the Tidy Towns handbook as to what is expected from such an initiative. For example, it might be interesting if initially you were to provide feeding tables and nesting boxes for birds in the river area or in the School grounds. Perhaps it is a project which school children could get interested in. In any event, consult the Tidy Towns handbook and if necessary the Wildlife Officer of Duchas who will be only too glad to help. In the meantime, you will receive the same mark as last year under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Aglish was practically litter-free on adjudication day. This is a great achievement and many congratulations are due to all concerned. It will be necessary, however, to keep monitoring this aspect of the competition over the adjudication period.

TIDINESS

The village was again presented in a neat and tidy manner. However, open storage does not enhance one end of the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private residences in the village are being very well maintained. Some had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day which were a joy to behold. This is obviously an important part of the competition for you and reflects greatly the desire by your residents to have a pleasant living environment.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads were well presented and verges showed evidence of trimming. Road surfaces and pathways are very good and the new footpaths were admired. This reflects well on your County Council.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have maintained a very good standard again this year and there is obviously great co-operation between your Committee, public bodies and local residents for your efforts. Planning and attention to detail will get you further marks in the competition. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Aglish again next year to report further progress. In the meantime keep up the good work.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/02)

On second adjudication day litter control was as effective as before, but summer weed growth (encouraged by wet weather) was not coped with here as well as in other villages at the top end of the competition. Ragweed was prevalent in the agricultural property alongside the fine river amenity. The helpful suggestion of the first adjudicator regarding 'planning and attention to detail' should be seriously considered.

It will be very interesting to read the schoolchildren's findings on the history of the burial ground. This admirable type of ancillary activity can not fail to create an interest in the locality and its environment for the next generation. Best wishes for this and for all your other activities.