

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLOONE VILLAGE**
County : **LEITRIM**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	13
Litter Control	40	35	36
Tidiness	20	17	18
Residential Areas	30	27	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	225	220

Cloone Village, County Leitrim

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Cloone Tidy Towns Committee is obviously one which has a high level of pride in its village and a good level of support from the local community. The adjudicators appreciate your problems regarding the low manpower levels and wishes you the best of luck with your future efforts in this regard. Cloone has certainly come a long way since winning the endeavour award in the 1998 competition!

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Both public and commercial premises in the town were presented to a high standard. Creagan's Bar looked well as did Doherty's Shop and Higgins incorporating the Post Office was also presented to a high standard. McKeown's and Tiernan's are also charming premises. The church in its prominent location was admired. The old national school was freshly painted although its windows had been boarded up.

LANDSCAPING

This is an area which you obviously enjoy. In particular landscaping outside the area of St. James' Tower and graveyard looked magnificent it incorporates at the bottom the monument to Fr. Conefry. The stone walling with trees behind was admired at the community centre and the relatively new ash trees along the main street are coming along nicely.

WILDLIFE

It was encouraging to see that you had taken the comments of last year's adjudicator to heart and had met with a representative of the council in relation to establishing a nature walk at the bog and lake. Your proposal in this regard was read with great interest – good luck with its implementation. There was certainly much evidence of birdlife on the day in the vicinity of St. James' Tower.

LITTER CONTROL

Your work in this regard is commendable in terms of clean up days and in the involvement of local school children. However in a village of Cloone's size even one or two papers are all the more evident. Some litter outside the school created a bad impression on the day.

TIDINESS

The tin roofs to a whitewashed outbuilding on the Carrigallen Road should be repainted before next year. Weeds to the forecourt area of the EBS should be removed. Out

buildings on a lower level when viewed from the Keshcarrigan Road are quite prominent and should be repainted, including the roofs in their traditional red colour. Weeds to the bases of kerbs on Main Street looked unfortunate. Rubble, which appeared to have been there for some time as it was covered in weed growth, was evident at the graveyard.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses in the village and along approach roads were generally well cared for. However weeds to the base of the boundary wall on the Carrigallen Road created a bad impression. Window boxes to the house near the Post Office were greatly admired as was the yellow house in the vicinity of McKeown's. Lake View Estate was maintained to a high standard also, with many of the homes making great efforts in relation to both the houses themselves and the gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The old post box on the Carrigallen Road should be painted up to restore it to its original condition. On this road the grass banking and ditch had been cut back but the dead grass had yet to be removed. A new footpath on this road was noted. The Keshcarrigan Road affords the visitor a magnificent view to St. James' Tower on the hill. Although the grass had been cut on this road again the dead grass had not been removed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Cloone is a most attractive village with much to offer both its visitors and residents. It is a fine example of typical vernacular Irish village. It was heartening to see that the comment made by last year's adjudicator had been taken on board and that you had made your wildlife project your top priority this year. Congratulations to all concerned! The local community appears to take great efforts regarding its care and appearance.