

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GLASLOUGH**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	35
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	36	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>211</b>

## **Glaslough, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

This adjudicator would like to thank the committee for the completed questionnaire and map - they were very helpful. Similarly the Development Association Strategy Report was very informative, and shows a community dedicated to the development of their very attractive village. This adjudicator assumes that the Development Associations 4 year work plan is the same as the 3/5 work programme required by the Tidy Towns as part of the competitions entry requirement. This will certainly help focus your work in the future. This adjudicator was particularly impressed with the way the committee has considered the many aspects of the village, and included the community in developing the plan. Your concluding statement demonstrates a genuine commitment toward the holistic development of the village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Glaslough with its obvious historical estate connections, has many fine stone buildings and features that add to the presentation of the village. The overall presentation of both commercial and private premises in the village was good on the day of adjudication. The national school has a lovely setting but will soon need to refresh the paint on its outside wall. The community centre also looked well presented and maintained. The play equipment could also have its paint refreshed. The attractive cottages in the main street all looked well maintained and presented as did the Coach House and Wright's, which are both impressive buildings at a key focal point in the village. A very tidy and well-presented fence was noted opposite these premises. The brightly painted Pillar House is an attractive building but the pillars themselves need some attention. The cottages by the Orange Hall were also very attractively presented, but the Hall itself needs some attention to its presentation, and the farm buildings and area around it, also need to be tidied. Once again the entrance to Castle Leslie was disappointing and needs some attention as does the whole area, to further enhance the streetscape on this side of the village. The newly restored Railway Buildings looked particularly well, and the attractive old Station House is an admirable project for restoration. The developments planned for later this year will change the face of the village, and we look forward to seeing the results.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your continued hard work in this area is once again to be commended. The green areas and verges throughout the village looked very well, as did the flower features. An important consideration for future planting is to ensure a mix of plants that would provide colour and content for the whole year. Landscape features and street furniture were well maintained and presented, but there is still further scope for additional flower features within

the village and on approach roads. This adjudicator acknowledges that the major developments happening later this year will greatly enhance the presentation of the village, and looks forward to seeing all the new trees, street furniture, bins and lamps. The repaired wall looks well, the lovely grass verge enhances the appearance of all the walls, well done to those involved.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

There are many opportunities for enhancing and conserving wildlife habitats and the environment around and in the village. Open spaces, riverbanks, ponds, meadows and grass areas and hedgerows all offer opportunities within this category. This adjudicator noted some lovely birds and three rabbits alone, down at the old Station House. Even with enquiries (including a member of Foroige) I was unable to locate the Nature Trail and signs. The committee has a role in maintaining the natural environment within the village. Work with a local wildlife expert and relevant local bodies to develop this further.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was some litter in evidence on the day of adjudication, around the Recreation Centre, sporadically around the village, and the bin at the Pillar House was full, and ready to be emptied. The Committee must remain vigilant in this very important area. The new bins will be welcome, but ensure that they are emptied very regularly, to avoid birds removing the litter and creating further mess. Continue your education programme with the young people, it is a worthwhile effort, as it reinforces the whole communities responsibility in this very important area.

## **TIDINESS**

The overall impression was one of a neat and tidy village. The attractive landscaping and well-maintained premises contributed to this impression. Apart from the points mentioned earlier, this adjudicator was impressed with the total commitment of the community towards the presentation of their village. Gates, walls and boundary fences were all tidy and well presented. Good maintenance and attention to detail is the key towards developing this area further.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many houses throughout the village and on approach roads, were very well presented, with attractive hedges, lawns and flower features. Tullynee once again had an excellent presentation, with a beautifully maintained green area, and attractive landscape and flower features. Ard Banagher also looked well, with its attractive entrance, and new landscaping. The well-maintained tree planting and attractive flower features were noted. The turning point at the end of the estate needs to be tackled next, and tidied up. Also remove the old car that can be seen in the far side of this grass area. Some particularly nice gardens were noted in both housing

developments. The houses in the village also looked well presented and maintained. Well done to those responsible for all the hard work.

## **ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

As the approach roads are the first impression a visitor gets of the village they deserve particular consideration. The main approach roads to Glaslough give a very good first impression of your village, as mentioned earlier the stone walls, tidy verges and well faced hedges look very well. Some of the back roads still need some attention, also there were some poor road surfaces throughout the village. This hopefully will be addressed along with the kerbs and footpaths, in the new development work. The original river washed paving was noted in the centre of the village, and hopefully the new plans will preserve this feature.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Glaslough continues to steadily develop, and on completion of the forthcoming development work the village should progress further in this Competition. The realisation of the plan, the communities obvious commitment and the co-operation of the local bodies, will all help facilitate Glaslough to fully optimise its potential. Good luck with your development work, and we look forward to seeing the results next year. Another good performance by the Committee and Community of Glaslough.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/98)**

Glaslough is a peaceful estate village with a heritage of fine stone buildings which have been beautifully maintained. It has a wealth of mature trees, hedgerows, neat verges and stone walls on approach roads. The magnificently maintained open spaces to the housing estates on the Monaghan side of the village were greatly admired. Signage throughout was neatly presented. The general impression was of an ordered and spruce appearance. The village boasts many magnificent gardens and the nameplates to the housing estates were admired. However, weeds were noted to the kerbside on the Emyvale approach and litter was apparent by the sign to the picnic area and in the vicinity of the telephone box at the village centre. The columns to the Pillar Hotel, as mentioned by the first adjudicator, were damaged and the uprights to one of the entrance gates to Castle Leslie were missing. Overall, as previously stated, the general impression created by the village on the day was of one in good order and well cared for.