

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	32	30
Landscaping	40	36	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	231	225

Glaslough, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Again many thanks for your entry and your most helpful notes together with the map of the village. All this makes the adjudication much simpler and indicates clearly to the adjudicator the intentions of the committee for the given year. The day of adjudication coincides with the completion of the tarring and top surfacing of the main streets of the village and this is reflected both in the marks and the comments below.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Glaslough has a planned 18th century town and requires most sensitive handling. It is good to see it following the Shaffrey Plan and restoring and indeed building new buildings to a scale and size appropriate to this heritage. The schools, Community Centre, the Churches all were very well presented in keeping with the high standard of such a sensitive community.

LANDSCAPING

As always, many houses and lay-byes and terraced areas were presented beautifully – with lovely baskets/beds filled with appropriate flowering plants. Most notable this year were the hanging baskets on the lamp standards around the town. Well done for these.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Perhaps living in such a sylvan setting it is easy to neglect this particular entry. I note that you were to put identification boards up highlighting the unusual elements of wildlife but on the occasion I did not locate any. Please pay more attention to this – both for the sake of the visitor and the children within your community.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no major litter problems in any of the main areas. Small amounts were to be seen in the residential estates, but on the other hand bins were clearly being used by all.

TIDINESS

Your architecture and streetscape with its high standards means that the overall appearances are most tidy. The bus shelter was a most interesting addition to the Main Street

and well done to all concerned. Two points to watch – one is the Church of Ireland Hall required repainting and two – galvanised roofs on some of the sheds to the rear of the Pillar House corner are becoming very unsightly and will be a problem shortly.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The private residences in the village displayed beautiful floral arrangements from baskets/window boxes. The residents in the Ard Banagher Estate and in the terrace on the Monaghan Road are to be congratulated on the high standards that they have achieved. It is some years since this adjudicator last visited and the improvements here are demonstrable. Well done!

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Generally the approach roads were excellent. The highest standard of neatness and tidiness leading to great expectation upon arrival in Glaslough. On the back avenue i.e on the road again behind the Pillar House Hotel some hedge cutting was required and, as this adjudicator remarked repeatedly some years ago, the gates into many of the backyards would be greatly improved were they made solid with timber rather than simple barred gates which let people see the untidiness inside.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Glaslough has benefited enormously from the recent new street furniture, new lighting and resurfacing. With all of that major work out of the way it should be perfectly possible for you to achieve the high scale of the 70s and with judicious planting and the completion of your plans who knows you may well be back there on the podium soon enough. Well done to all concerned.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/00)

Glaslough looked quite magnificent on the day of second adjudication, congratulations on the implementation of many aspects of your development plan. The numerous gates in the village and its environment with their black and gold colour scheme were much admired. Stands of mature and semi-mature trees together with ivy clad walls were nicely complemented by flower displays. Some hedgerow could be 'stretched' to fill the gaps at their base and so enhance their wildlife value. Well done on your plan to earmark nature trails; both the playground and the picnic area were very well presented. Whilst litter control was good, both horse droppings and straw on the public roads were somewhat of a problem. Your use of tree trunks for street furniture is imaginative and attractive. Work accomplished since first adjudication has been noted.

Some stretches of estate wall need refurbishment. Well done on the single page presentation of your plan.