

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GREENCASTLE**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	19
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>163</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Greencastle and District Development Company Limited has now prepared a Development Study for their Tidy Towns Programme over the next five years and a plan of action for 1996-97. It is good to note that the study is community based and is receiving the support of Donegal County Council and agencies including FAS, OPW and the International Fund for Ireland. A pretty solid foundation to implement the proposed plan. Some improvements have already been carried out and Greencastle can look forward to the future with confidence. Thanks are due to the Secretary for returning the questionnaire, Development Study and the maps.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The proposals in the Development Study under this heading are mostly for the future and we look forward to their implementation. The shore walk has some good seating and has been tidied up to a large degree although litter is still visible here and there.

### LANDSCAPING

Two points in your landscaping proposals are very relevant - to develop a community landscape development plan and a system of landscape maintenance. The work carried out at Northburgh Castle is commendable. However, more remains to be done. The grounds of Scoil Cholmcille are well presented. The rear of the Maritime Museum is as last year very untidy, in contrast to the front which is extremely well presented. The field in the vicinity of the Museum was filled with fishing nets and equipment including an old boat and trailer.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

In general the presentation of many of the public and commercial buildings is of a high standard. School Cholmcille and the National Fishermans Training Centre looked well. The Church of Ireland and the freshly painted Community Centre on the high road are worthy of comment. The Maritime Museum is a wonderful piece of a restored commercial building. Other buildings which also caught the eye were Keelys Sea Food Bar and the Spar shop beside it, nice flower beds and floral displays. The Ferryport Bar, Sea Ray and Kielys Restaurant had nice signage, seating and floral displays. There were wooden boxes at the Shell Garage on the High Sea Road and a nice flower bed. Well done to all concerned.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter is still a problem for Greencastle. The number of litter bins here has increased and they are prominently displayed. Litter, however, was very noticeable at the entrance to the pier and the car park at the harbour (which needs resurfacing) had lots of litter. The small playing field had litter scattered about, as also had the picnic area (with some neglected seating at the Shore Walk). The future plans set under this heading are to be welcomed. An Anti-Litter campaign (rather than strategy) is recommended.

### TIDINESS

Apart from litter, Greencastle had a bright and bustling appearance on adjudication day. The work which has been carried out on the stone walls on the Poundtown Road and the Golf Course Road is exemplary. Weeds growing from wall and kerbsides are very noticeable particularly on the Moville Road. The removal of weed growth from wall and footpaths should be encouraged.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The presentation of the residential areas is very good. Both estates on the high road are extremely well maintained, in particular the first estate one encounters on approaching up the lower road. The green

areas are nicely trimmed and the houses, gardens and boundary walls are well presented. Many of the private houses both in the village and on the approaches are also worthy of comment, in particular the houses beside the Maritime Museum, the two houses opposite the Post Office and the house on the left of the Movice approach. There is an extremely attractive small Caravan Park on the Golf Course Road.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were improved somewhat on last year. Improvements have been noted on the road between the village and shore and the development of the walls at Poundtown Road and the Golf Course Road have improved their appearance considerably. The verges had also been trimmed and, apart from the Movice approach which is untidy, were in good order. There is a large trailer with pieces of wood surrounding it on the left of the Movice approach.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Development Strategy for the National Tidy Towns Competition shows a great commitment by the community for the next few years. A good community effort this year.