

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULLACHDUBH**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	27
The Built Environment	40	32
Litter Control	40	33
Tidiness	20	15
Residential Areas	30	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	211

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Mullachdubh looked very well on adjudication day. Your completed questionnaire and map were most helpful and most of the projects contained therein were completed to the satisfaction of the adjudicator. It was very easy to identify a strong community involvement and the Tidy Towns Committee is congratulated on developing this partnership.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your proposed nature walks hopefully will be in place for the next few years adjudication. Your obviously have carried out some research on wildlife habitats and you are to be commended for this. Do signpost the great natural interests of the village i.e. lakes, forest, nature walks, flora and fauna and places of interest etc. Some picnic areas/car parks/viewing points in the area of the lakes is also recommended. With regard to wildlife habitats, you should consult with your local environmental experts for advice and guidance if you have not already done so.

LANDSCAPING

Your planting programme is maturing well. The flower tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets and great colour to the village. The floral display in the lobster pot is innovative - well done. The stone walls were, in most cases, well maintained and the frontages trimmed. Improve access to Lough na mBradán and the Clougher Valley - this is necessary if you are to make the Nature Walk an attraction for visitors. A car park, picnic area and viewing point should also be part of your work programme.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Practically all the important buildings in the village were very well presented. Whitewashed buildings, decorative floral displays and tidy forecourts are an eye catching feature of Mullachdubh. The adjudicator has noted your comments regarding the derelict building and wishes you success in your efforts to resolve this problem. Bonners Bar is a real gem - Congratulations to the owners who have created a tourists dream. ODonnells, The Diner (flower tubs hanging baskets), the School and Rosses, The Celtic plaque and Memorial Cross were nicely landscaped with nice floral arrangements adding to the presentation. The Built Environment of Mullachdubh has a well cared for appearance throughout the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was excellent on adjudication day - community involvement here is superb - well done. The adjudicator was highly impressed.

TIDINESS

As already mentioned the overall presentation of the village was one of neatness and tidiness - well maintained properties and neatly trimmed verges make a significant contribution in this regard.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general most of the residential premises in Mullachdubh were presented to a very high standard. Freshly painted houses, well maintained gardens and tidy lawns on the Kincasslagh approach contributed significantly to an excellent performance under this heading. Flower tubs, window boxes and hanging baskets also add to the neat presentation of residential properties. The thatched cottages also deserve mention. As stated last year - an excellent community effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads were neatly presented and conditioned to create a welcoming approach to the village
- a clean and tidy environment will encourage people to stay longer. Some side roads still need attention
- give priority in this regard to access to lakes and nature reserve. Village nameplates were nicely presented. Do monitor on a regular basis boundary walls and control weed growth where necessary.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are making excellent progress and have an excellent relationship with the community which is very necessary if you hope to achieve award winning status. Hopefully the few problems as outlined in your questionnaire can be resolved in the short rather than in the long term. Your proposed nature walk should have a priority rating in your work programme for 1997. Marks have been awarded under this heading for your excellent relationship with the community.

Well done and continued success.