

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NARIN-PORTNOO**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	170

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Some progress noted this year by the adjudicator. However, a more concerted effort is required if Narin/Portnoo is to dramatically improve its presentation and achieve progress which will impact on the environment. Community support at all levels should be encouraged and the need for a co-ordinated effort in supporting a 3 - 5 year work programme is the most logical approach. Seek the advice and guidance of your local County Council Engineer and Tourism Officer when planning next years work programme.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Narin/Portnoo is an area of great natural beauty with a stunning coastline, woodlands, lakes and the harbour which is a very popular amenity for the area. The planting and hanging baskets at the harbour are most colourful and complement the eye-catching Teach an tSagairt. It was noted that work is in progress in the area of the car park. A litter bin here would help control litter. Do identify the wildlife habitats of your area and create a nature trail with viewing points. Signposting of such amenities will be necessary to maximise their full potential as an attraction for visitors. Public toilets were clean and had a well cared for appearance. Congratulations on retaining your blue flag beach status. Well done

LANDSCAPING

The provision of flower tubs, flower beds etc. in the area of Narin Inn is commendable and should be extended to other areas. The window boxes and hanging baskets at Andys were also noted by the adjudicator and looked well. Pay attention to open spaces and identify areas suitable for further tree planting, flower tubs etc.

The car park at the beach is poorly presented and this area in general should be improved. Litter bins were overflowing on adjudication day. As already mentioned the Harbour Area is your strong point under this heading. However, further improvements including the completion of the shore walk will be necessary before it can be considered for the Waterside Award.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the important buildings were very well presented - those deserving of mention are St. Conals, Golf Club, Morgans, Narin Inn and Andys Bar. The picnic area opposite the Church is an excellent amenity with a panoramic view of the Bay. Do provide a litter bin here. The derelict Hotel building is an eyesore - your comments in this regard have been noted and taken into consideration. Many commercial properties have poorly presented forecourt areas - this aspect of the built environment should have a priority rating in future work programmes.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general was very good except for the un-emptied bins at the beach.

TIDINESS

Your major problem under this heading is the Hotel and its environs. The disused oil tank on the Glenties approach should be removed. Trim back verges on all access roads to the beach and harbour and improve the presentation of commercial signs. The Harbour area was very tidy on adjudication day despite the large number of people in the area. Caravan Parks are somewhat fragmented and lack good presentation. Whilst you have done well under this heading there is still a lot of work to be done.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses looked well and in many cases attractive gardens were nicely presented. It is important that boundary areas are well maintained and free of grass and weed growth. As mentioned in last years report, a considerable amount of building work is being carried out and hopefully work and landscaping will be finished to a standard of presentation which will assist your tidy towns effort. Continue to encourage the use of flower tubs, hanging baskets and window boxes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

While an improvement was noted this year, a lot of work is still requires to up-grade the presentation of approach roads to the village. Street furniture looked well and the picnic area overlooking the beach is deserving of mention. Monitor the presentation of directional signposting on a regular basis.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have made progress this year. However, a co-ordinated approach will expedite improvements. A 3 - 5 year work programme is suggested - sub committees with specific tasks will ensure a greater spread of work throughout the village. Give access to caravan parks, beach, harbour and golf club a priority rating in next years work programme. Seek greater co-operation from the County Council and other state agencies. You are progressing steadily.