

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CALTRA**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28
General Impression	10	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>184</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

You have as yet not submitted details of a rolling 3/5 year Work Programme. Forward planning is essential with an annual target to be completed. Thank you for information contained in Questions 3, 4 & 5.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Marks in this Competition are hard to gain. The Adjudication Criteria summary indicates the boundaries within which the Adjudicator may act. You have made no mention of wildlife in your area. Would it not be possible to invite the area Environmental Officer, or some other competent person, to assist your Committee in collating some information on the habitats of animals and birds as well as identifying the wild flowers? It is a project that may appeal to Teachers and Pupils.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Is there a better example to be found outside Caltra? The whole village and its approaches are superb. The white painted coping around the central flower beds and the matching white containers are just beautiful. Your tree planting programme is to be highly commended. On the day of adjudication work was in progress on the Grotto and all the signs point to a most attractive pivotal area in your village. Keep up the good work.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The traders in your Village are to be congratulated on the appearance of their premises. Kearys Lounge, Maddens, The Post Office and Garage, The Caltra Community Playground, Donoghues, are fine examples. Ollies Fast Food, though nicely presented is a rather drab colour and out of character with the rest of the Village. The Church and Cemetery are a credit to all. So obvious that a lot of effort has been expended. The Pairc Imirt Cealltracht is a fine facility. The shrubs inside the boundary wall were noted. It seemed work was ongoing here. The equipment in the Childrens Play area could probably be enhanced with a fresh coat of paint in brighter colours. You have a few derelict buildings that need attention. Have the owners been contacted? Keep pressure on the County Council as there is a Dereliction Sites Act.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The Village was virtually litter free on day of adjudication. There was a slight scattering of litter in the grounds of the G.A.A. Park. A litter bin should be sited in this area. Delighted to see two young ladies on Litter Patrol.

### **TIDINESS**

The whole area was neat and tidy and the overall appearance was stunning. Eternal vigilance is the slogan.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A key factor in the Adjudication Criteria for 1996 is evidence of the involvement of the entire community in caring for the environment. The community spirit in Caltra is almost tangible. Individual home owners are to be congratulated and further encouraged to beautify their homes and gardens.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

First impressions are lasting so attention to approach roads is essential. The stone faced signs are

excellent. The one on the Ahascragh approach is sited low and partly hidden by long grass from signpost at T junction. The general condition of roads is to a high standard. On the day of our visit work was in progress on cutting of verges on approach roads. Keep a watch on weeds at margins.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall the whole Village was delightful to observe. The strong community spirit is evident. The stone wall restoration and the use of stone generally is a unique feature and highly commended. Keep an eye on open areas e.g. the high grass alongside the house painted lime green. You can be justly proud of your achievements. Off course all is not perfect but I have no doubt you are aware of what needs to be done. I shall return to Caltra - as a visitor.