

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **HEADFORD**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>165</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Delighted that you have had the support of FAS workers in your efforts to develop the Town. You have not submitted a work programme for the future. It is vital to have a long-term scheme and it is necessary to assign a project for each year. A key factor in the adjudication criteria for 1996 is evidence of the involvement of the whole community in caring for the environment.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have not submitted any suggestions for wildlife in your area. Could you interest a group in the collation of information on the habitats of animals and birds as well as wild flowers in your area? Maybe you could invite some local environmental expert to help you.

### LANDSCAPING

The Welcome Sign and Town Signs were good and clean but overgrown at the base. Try to clear the base and plant some flowers or shrubs with stone surrounds. The number of trees planted was noted and the planting of flowers at the base is an excellent feature. It is very important to maintain in good condition the work done.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Congratulations on your most appealing stone walls around the Town and continue the good work. Traders are to be congratulated for their efforts especially Keadys, Larkins, The Thatched Pub, McHughs and the Bank of Ireland. Worthy of mention also are the G.A.A. Club and the floodlighting of the Church. You have to keep up the pressure on the owners of derelict buildings. If there is no response, ask the County Council to pursue the matter through the implementation of the Derelict Sites Act, 1990.

### LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication there was only minimal signs of litter. Generally there seemed a shortage of litter bins, especially in vital locations like Louises Diner. Ever thought of forming a Junior Tidy Towns Committee based at the School with a Litter Patrol.

### TIDINESS

The overall appearance was one of tidiness. It is important to remove flyposting. The application of weed killer at kerbs and wall bases vastly improves the overall appearance.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There were excellent examples of individual residential effort. Colourful gardens, tubs and hanging baskets enhance the area so much. Encourage more home-owners to participate. The Housing Estate (Gortnamona) was very neat and tidy with attractive flowers troughs, street furniture and yellow pump. The grass was neatly cut, but I could not find a name sign to identify this estate.

### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Generally the roads are of a fairly high standard. Control of weeds at kerbs and wall bases improves the overall appearance. When planning footpaths and general access keep in mind the needs of the disabled.

### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Headford is a pleasant and attractive Town. Steady progress is being made in improving the general environment. The stone walls are particularly appealing. Continue the great work. Encourage every resident to play a part and you are on the road to success.