

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INIS MEAIN**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	0
Landscaping	40	0
The Built Environment	40	31
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	0
Residential Areas	30	0
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30
General Impression	10	36
TOTAL MARK	300	159

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the Tidy Towns Questionnaire. The information you provided, especially the detailed map of areas of development in your area were of immense help. A key factor in the adjudication criteria for Tidy Towns 1996 is evidence that the total community is involved in the task of caring for our own environment. If every resident contributes a little the result, inevitably, will be a major transformation.

LITTER CONTROL AND TIDINESS

There was a slight scattering of litter on day of visit. Adjacent to Cniátail Inish Meain Teo. there is a dyke filled with rubbish. There was no evidence of a litter bin at the National School or St. Johns Hall. Would it be possible to have a Junior Tidy Towns Group attached to the School. Have you any plans to provide Recycling facilities? This facility will focus the attention of your community on the need for recycling materials and also improve the environment.

HOMES, HARBOUR AREAS AND OTHER FACILITIES

More emphasis should be given to the flora on the island especially the fact that among 400 species of plants are found only on Inis Meain and declared protected species. Nature conservation should be included in your long term plans. A noticeable feature of the Island is the lack of trees - ornamental or otherwise. Is there a reason? Dun Chonchuir is magnificent with its stunning view. The appearance of Teach Synge was a shock! What a pity that such an important building should be in a state of near dereliction. Could the building be given attention and opened as a Synge Museum? Halla Naoim Eoin and Scoil Naisiunta could be improved with a little effort. Lots of flower plants inside the School window but not a flower tub or hanging basket outside. The Church, newly painted is very well maintained. Some flower beds in stone would look marvellous here. The Pump (near the Church) could be repainted, the walls painted and some floral decoration would make an immediate improvement. The Grotto was well cared for and the flowers looked very attractive. The Telecom building was impressive with its stonework. Please keep in mind the needs of the disabled in any future plans for the Island.

PRESENTATION OF ROADS, WALLS AND HEDGEROWS

This heading is intended for more urban areas. Throughout the Island all areas are pleasant and the roads well maintained. The Island is magnificent for its stone walls etc. It is a pity that upon arrival at the Port one is almost immediately confronted with concrete block walls as house boundaries. The margins along the stone walls were in places overgrown. However, one recognises the need to preserve wild flowers growing amongst the grassy tufts.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

My visit was most enjoyable and this must be the feeling of every visitor. I trust you find our suggestions practical. Continue the good work