

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MAAM**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	16
The Built Environment	40	16
Litter Control	40	16
Tidiness	20	8
Residential Areas	30	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16
General Impression	10	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>115</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Many thanks for your detailed questionnaire. We note the small population of your village and the fact that sponsorship and practical assistance have not been forthcoming from them. You should consider putting in place a five-year development and work plan to co-ordinate your committee and the activities of local authority, FÁS or other agencies or groups.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

All areas have potential for nature conservation not least Maam which benefits from the close proximity to the Joyce River which is a fine amenity. You should invite assistance from environmental groups who could identify wildlife habitats and make other specialist suggestions for you.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping in the area of the basketball court and around the bridge was noted. More attention should be given to developing shrub beds and further tree planting to enhance the area.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

You have relatively few buildings. Kanes Pub looked well but the petrol pumps and shop are in need of refurbishment to more appropriately blend in with their surroundings. The Courthouse looks derelict and this could be a useful information point for visitors.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was evidence of litter around Kanes and the car park close to the bridge needs attention.

### **TIDINESS**

The village is small and needs boundaries to give it a sense of place which people can identify with. Selective landscaping and sign-posting can help achieve this.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

In general residential areas are very well maintained and presented. Greater use of cut-stone walls should be considered where possible.

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

The approach road from Maam Cross is most attractive and could be further enhanced with the selective planting of shrubs and trees. Elsewhere entry points should be selected for special planting to focus attention on entering the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The committee will have to succeed in winning the full and total support of the wider community if you are to do well in this competition.