

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ORANMORE**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	140

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your questionnaire returned by Mr. James McHugh. With regard to putting together a five-year development and work programme we would advise a co-operative approach between your committee, the community, the local authority, FÁS and other interested partners who could contribute to the aims and objectives of the competition. You seem to have good liaison with the local authority but a longer term agreed plan is advisable.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your work on the Tobarnacally Beartha well is commendable, however, the Oranmore River and bay area provides an excellent opportunity to further develop wildlife habitat and natural amenities. You should consider approaching the local environmental experts who may be able to help you in this regard.

LANDSCAPING Your work on the roundabout at the Limerick junction is commendable as is the work carried out on the green area of the new church. You should consider further tree planting in the approach roads and in the village itself or flower beds where appropriate. In addition you should continue to encourage commercial premises to site flower baskets and tubs outside their premises.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the commercial premises are well presented and maintained. Keanes, The Moorings, MacDonaghs, Lynchs, and Tí Ghearóid are but a few examples while Mullhalls Meat Market could do with a more traditional sign promoting their trade. Your work on the old church with the FÁS scheme will be an attractive addition to the village.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter in evidence particularly in the area of the pubs with outside tables and seating but generally the town has a good litter control system.

TIDINESS

There is a dominance of vehicles that detracts from the tidy appearance of the town. If parking could be encouraged away from the footpath and more tree planting employed the towns appearance would greatly improve.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As with most towns some people do more than their share to improve the presentation of their homes. The estate beside Mulhalls Meat Market could do more to improve private gardens and open green areas. Tudor Vale is a fine example of a well presented and maintained estate.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roundabouts on the relief road provide more opportunities for feature flower beds or sculpture pieces as focal points. The approach roads all need more tree/shrub planting and improved maintenance. The Gort approach road to the town was overgrown with weeds and grass verges needed cutting. The Industrial Estate on the Monivea approach road should have further tree planting to obstruct the view of the industrial areas where appropriate. Liaison with the local authority may result in town improvements to footpaths and further amenity developments. Take care of entrances to back areas, some of which are unkempt, overgrown and untidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A longer term development plan and programme of work would be a useful guide for your committee and provide the community with a vision of what Oranmore could be like with their support and effort. Oranmore has the potential to do well in this competition and we congratulate you on your work to date and encourage your continued efforts.