

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BALLINDINE**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	174

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You need to develop a planned approach to the development of the town. Items which could be considered are colour schemes for houses, a tree planting programme and an action plan for the Hollymount road. The Town is well maintained, but you need to focus more on the development of amenities in the town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You did not discuss any projects in this category for this year's entry. It would seem that you will need to focus more on planning for providing an amenity area for the town. The disused railway line has great potential for development as a walking and wildlife amenity area. You should consult with the County Council about how this area could be developed and about the ownership of the land.

LANDSCAPING

The grass areas along the approach roads and in the park on the Irishtown road were well-presented. Grass should be removed from the base of the trees on the Irishtown road. You could consider removing the tarmac on the area to the left side of Irishtown road and grassing this area down. The floral and barrel displays were very impressive this year - well done !

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Jet station was well maintained and the new development at Davitt Court is coming along well. There is a very good colour scheme on the left side of Main Street coming in from Galway. This is also the case with the right hand side, but should be extended out to the areas at the end of the Galway road.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was well under control in the town, with all areas clean. Also along the main and approach roads there was no litter visible.

TIDINESS

The town was very tidy on adjudication day and well-maintained. You are making a great effort in keeping the town clean and tidy. There are a large number of garages and yards along the Hollymount road. You should endeavour to encourage owners to clean up these areas (see last year's report). The DDA building was well presented as was Duffys, Centra, Coens, and Hennigans.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estate on the Irishtown road is the only problem area. Open spaces were overgrown, kerbs weedy, boundary/property walls need painting and there was litter present. This area needs attention. The houses along the Ballyhaunis road were presented to a very high standard and are a great credit to the owners. There are a number of properties in the town which need painting.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Galway approach was well maintained, even beyond the speed limit signs. The new beds at the speed limit signs were in need of weeding. A line of trees from the level crossing into the town would greatly enhance this approach. The approach from Claremorris was well maintained and was weed, and litter, free. Some tree planting along this roadway would work well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There was a very high standard of tidiness and maintenance within the town. There are some areas needing attention, such as the Hollymount road and the estate on Irishtown road. Some buildings in the town require painting and floral displays on the buildings would greatly enhance their appeal.

There was generally a good effort and we have no doubt that you will overcome these obstacles as you develop a plan in future.