

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BREAFFY**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	21
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	150

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You will need to develop a 3 to 5 year plan for the village which focuses on the key amenity areas within the town. This plan should encompass the development of the following areas:

- Castlebar Claremorris road - Village green and car parks

You need a structured approach for the development of the village, that will enable you to properly plan the development of the area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The addition of ducks and pheasants to the pond area are a good proposal. You could also consider planting a wildlife garden in the church or school. Also, consider the introduction of native species of trees into the town, which would also be of benefit to wildlife.

LANDSCAPING

The road approaches from Claremorris and Castlebar were well-maintained, grass was closely mown. The church grounds were also closely mown and planting here is coming along well. Some trees would look well in this area. There is an absence of window-boxes and hanging baskets in the town this year - you should encourage this practice in the town as it enhances the appearance of properties. The grass verges around the school and post office were unmown. You should consider planting some trees along the main road below the church embankment. The grounds of the GAA were very well maintained.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church was very well presented on adjudication day. The national school boundary wall could do with painting. The Shamrock Bar looks well but could do with fresh painting, and some windowboxes. The plant hire building still detracts from the village. The building should be tidied up as it is pulling down the rest of the work which you have accomplished in the village. The new stone walls look very good and enhance the village.

LITTER CONTROL

There was relatively little litter in the village on the day. Some litter was noticed in the car park next to the church; bins are needed here. There was also some litter next to the GAA ground.

TIDINESS

There were some weeds at the base of the old stone walls behind the church. Generally a good presentation, though the signage outside the hotel looked cluttered. Again the hire shop is an untidy blot in an otherwise tidy village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas were presented to a high standard. The houses overlooking the green were well presented with boundary walls painted and gardens well maintained. The old stone walls of the house behind the church should be cleaned off. There was some litter here. The boundary walls of the house behind the church need painting.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass margins along the Castlebar approach were unmown. The new stone wall looked well. Some

trees in this area would be an addition to the area, as would a name sign for the town. Along the Claremorris road, the boundary walls on the village green side need attention and gates should be painted. The grass verge was not mown. The road past the plant hire should have grass verges mown and gates painted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is a good deal of progress being made. You need to develop more attention to the maintenance of areas such as kerbs and grass margins. The problem with the hire shop should be approached perhaps with some representation from the local Council. You need to plan your development and maintenance activities, particularly in regard to gates and walls. Generally there is a good effort being made, and we look forward to your continuing progress.