

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CROSS**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	21
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	175

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The map submitted was very useful on adjudication day and was a good guide to the town. It would be useful if you could list in greater detail your projects in the current year. You need to determine a strategy for the development of the town which may enable you to obtain funding. The key areas are:- the river and its open spaces, dereliction and the town centre. By co-ordinating with other organisations, you may be able to obtain help with these key areas. The County Council, in particular, should be able to help you with the problem of dereliction. There may also be a possibility of involving your town in the village renewal scheme through the County Council.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river was very clean on adjudication day. There should be a name sign for the river. Benches here need repainting. You could consider contacting the Fisheries Board for assistance on restoring the rivers potential, as it is the main natural amenity which the town has.

LANDSCAPING

There was a high standard of landscape maintenance throughout the town. The planting along the Cong road is coming along well. You need a plan for the riverside areas. There are some improvements, but they are being done in a piecemeal fashion. Some of the riverside areas are quite overgrown. Gardens are well-maintained and planted. The gardens behind Barnacogue B&B are very well-maintained, and the planting at the entrance is very attractive. The standard of grass maintenance along the Kilmaine road is very good, as is the bedding along the Neale road.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The national school was very well-presented, as were all of the buildings in the Town. Langans and the Riverside Inn looked well, in particular the gardens at Langans. Some window-boxes would look very well here. The Riverside Inn should consider replacing plastic signage, and the Barnacogue Inn looked very well, in particular the window-boxes. J. O'Malleys was well presented, though the 7up sign needs to be replaced. Many of the field gates along the approach roads and in the Town are not painted. You should decide on a colour for these gates as this would be a great improvement for the Town. The car park alongside the Riverside Inn was well maintained. The church and grounds is very well presented. Kings shop and post office has a lot of stickers in the window and plastic signage which should be changed. It was good to see the restoration of the thatched house on the Cong road.

LITTER CONTROL

The town was generally litter-free on adjudication day, and the litter bins throughout the town were also noted. There has been a clean up of the Cross east road which was also noted. There was some litter at the bridge next to the Riverside Inn. There should be a litter bin provided here.

TIDINESS

The town was generally very tidy. There are some problems relating to the riverside areas which were overgrown and need attention. The litter at the bridge should also be attended to. Dereliction creates an untidy impression in parts of the town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses along the approach roads and in the town were well maintained. Along the Kilmaine road, the houses near to the town were well-maintained but are more neglected outside the town. You should consider approaching the owners with a view to cleaning up some of these properties.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

There is a good standard of maintenance along roadside verges, in particular along the Kilmaine, Neale and Galway roads. The planting along the Kilmaine road was well maintained and is coming along well. There was however a chip van parked here, which should be moved. The cemetery was in need of some tree planting, and trimming of grass around the graves. The Cong road is well maintained, and the trees here are establishing well. The town name sign along the Galway road was dirty and should be cleaned. The planting at the junction between the Galway road and the road to breezy heights was well maintained. You should mow the margins here.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The town is making good progress, and past years projects are being well-maintained. You need to develop an action plan for future developments, which will enable you to plan the development of the town over a number of years and possibly obtain funding for these activities.