

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILTIMAGH**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	19
The Built Environment	40	21
Litter Control	40	14
Tidiness	20	7
Residential Areas	30	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16
General Impression	10	4
TOTAL MARK	300	138

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You seem to be involved in a great deal of planning for the town's future and your efforts to co-ordinate and liaise with many organisations are commendable. The development strategy which you are implementing seems to be paying off well and we look forward to future improvements in the town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There was no information submitted in the questionnaire about this aspect. Surely there must be some way to develop an amenity for the town? You should try to seek advice from the County Council and your local tourism officer about what aspects of the town and its immediate environs would be potential amenity areas. You might try to involve local farmers in the Mayo Corncrake Project, or planting of broadleaf woodlands under the new grants scheme. This category presents a challenge to your committee, so good luck!

LANDSCAPING

There was excellent maintenance at the school grounds and in the sculpture park. Buildings in the town would benefit from window-boxes and hanging baskets. OHara Park was well maintained but there are very few trees. The Market Square was very unkempt looking, with kerbs and paving very weedy. The new car park next to Enterprise House looks well and the car park is very clean and well-maintained.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There were many new shopfronts in the town which were noted. This is a great improvement and really lifts the character of the town. The new shopfront at Teach O Hora looked well as did Staunton's pharmacy, Ryans bar, the Credit Union and Cill Aodain. Many properties in the town require painting, in particular the building on the corner of Kelly street, and various properties along James Street. The Nissan garage next to the fire station is in need of work.. Further out of the Town, the Youthreach centre needs painting.

LITTER CONTROL

There is a problem with litter in the town. The litter in the town creates an adverse impression and pulls down other areas where you are making good progress. You will need to examine the number of bins, their locations and the intervals at which they were emptied. Perhaps more awareness is needed in the community about the need to stop littering. There was no litter in the school grounds or in the sculpture park. There was litter visible along the Kilkelly road, along main street, and in the Greenfield housing estate.

TIDINESS

Generally there was a good standard of tidiness in the town. There are some problem areas which need to be attended to. Some of these areas are the Market Square, the Greenfields estate. There were weedy kerbs along Chapel Street and the Balla road.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There is a variation in standards of residential areas in the Town. The houses along the Balla road and Park road are well-presented, as is the housing near Mooneys Fort. The Greenfields estate is poorly-maintained and should be attended to. There are a few boundary walls on the Knock road which need attention, as do the boundary walls along the Bohalla road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The verges along the Balla road were not mown. This was the case with the Knock road, the Bohalla road, and the Swinford road. On the Knock road, the town name sign looked very well. The Kilkelly road was well presented, grass mown and hedges clipped. Along the Swinford road, there are no signposts, margins are uncut, and trees have been planted but are not being maintained. There is still a problem with cars being dumped across the railway line from this road. The section of main street with new street lights looks well and we look forward to the continuation of this scheme through the town. The gable wall on the sidestreet opposite Walshes needs painting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There have been a lot of improvements in the town over the past number of years. This is a positive achievement. However, you need to establish a maintenance regime on all open and built areas, as they are detracting from your efforts. Litter is a problem in the town which needs to be addressed. In relation to wildlife you could consider developing the old railway line as an ecological area/walk.