

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNOCK**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	13
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	18
Litter Control	40	32
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	13
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>153</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You need a plan which will involve co-ordination with the County Council; more people in the village need to be involved in your efforts. There was no development plan submitted and the questionnaire was incomplete. There was no map of the town as was the case last year. There is a great need for regional tourist centres such as Knock to plan ahead. There are only 4 people on the committee - this is far too few for a town of this size and significance. You state that your committee does not co-ordinate with the local authority, and there seem to be no new projects apart from basic litter control.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have not described any efforts by your committee in this category. It would seem that you will need to focus on this more, and you should consult widely with various organisations in developing the amenity potential of the town. Perhaps you could try to develop an amenity woodland near the town under the new grants scheme. The County Council may also be able to help you, as would various environmental organisations.

### LANDSCAPING

The standard of landscape maintenance along the approach roads is very good, and the tree planting along the approach roads is coming along well. There was excellent maintenance of the grounds around the Basilica. More windowboxes and hanging baskets are needed in the town.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The International Hotel was freshly painted, but the weedy car park detracts somewhat from its appearance. Many buildings listed in last year's report have not been improved. The shrine office still needs painting and the gates were rusty. The memorial cross outside the Hotel was very neglected looking and still needs attention, as do the railings. Most of the restaurants on the Claremorris side of town were well kept. Signage is a problem- particularly the plastic signs. The market stalls and craft shops near the car park could use repainting. While most of the shops display their wares inside, there are still those who display on the footpaths. These practices do not help to increase your rating in the competition.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the town is very good and there were no serious areas of litter found on adjudication day. All of the business premises seem to have adopted a concerted effort in tackling this problem - well done.

### TIDINESS

The crafts centre and stalls area were very tidy and the entire shrine and church complex were litter-free. All bins had been emptied and maintained - well done. The weediness on the car parks is detrimental to the appearance of the town as are the unpainted gable walls and the cluttered signage.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas along the approach roads were excellently presented, in particular the Ballyhaunis and Sligo roads - this is an excellent effort and very impressive. The House opposite the car park of the Kiltimagh Road could use some attention. Walls to the left of St. Pauls shop need repainting and some walls of houses on main street need cleaning and repainting.

### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All of the approach roads were well-maintained. The Sligo road, Claremorris road and Ballyhaunis roads were well maintained. The old petrol pump on the Kiltimagh road should be removed. You should also consider painting the field gates along these roads a colour to identify the town along the approach.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The town is making progress, despite the low level of involvement by the community in the committee. Litter is well under control and the standard of approach roads and tidiness is generally good. You need to attend to some buildings in the town and also to plan ahead for the future development of the amenities of the Town.