

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LAHARDANE**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>167</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition! We look forward to hearing the proposals in your development plan next year. It is good to hear that you are working with your county council on this. We hope that you will work to enhance the setting of the town, which is beautifully situated at the foot of the mountain and with the views to Lough Conn.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A possible wildlife area is the stream behind the pump near Leonards. This area needs cleaning up and could be developed.

### LANDSCAPING

Your work on the Crossmolina Road is very good and the trees here looked very healthy. You will need to keep the grass at the base of the trees on Bofeenaun Road mown and the verges too. The trees seem to be coming on well. It was good to see so many floral displays in the town, which brought a cheery atmosphere. The tree planting near the junction with the road to the national school and the planting at the base of the trees looked very well. The Fr. Conroy Monument is very appealing, as is the new tree planting with the view to Nephin Mountain - well done! It is good to see such a focused effort. You should consider planting trees inside the boundary wall of the Garda station. The planters around the Texaco garage were a thoughtful touch and were well-kept.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Barretts and Cagneys could replace their plastic signs with more traditional ones. TK Supplies was well-kept. Bairean livens up the main street. The bright cart outside Devanneys was also a lively touch! The Garda station was well-presented, as was Leonards. McHales on the school road needs freshening up, as does the shop next to the pump (and a sign would help). Renovations to some of the shops were still under way, and we look forward to seeing them next year. The old derelict building to the right of the school is a problem area. You need to spruce up the area around the old pump near Leonards and the walls should be repaired. The boundary wall opposite the pump also needs freshening up. The shed on Bofeenaun Road should be re-painted.

### LITTER CONTROL

Despite this being the weekend of the village Feile, the main street was relatively litter-free, the exception being outside Barretts shop. Barretts should provide a litter bin outside the shop for their customers. The bin at the phonebox at the roundabout was completely full. Try to keep on top of this, especially during the festival weekend. A few bits of litter were noticed on the Crossmolina Road.

### TIDINESS

Generally, the town presented a very tidy appearance. The exception to this was the weeds in the car park on the Bofeenaun Road and on the kerbs on the Crossmolina Road. Otherwise, weed control was excellent. The condition of boundary walls, as already mentioned, is another aspect which contributes to an untidy impression in some locations.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The green house on the Crossmolina Road was well-kept. The owners of the house on the right on the school road could improve the appearance of the front garden. The house to the right of Devanneys was maintained to a very high standard. However, the house to the left of Devanneys had a gable wall in need of painting. The house at the roundabout opposite the church had a lovely garden. A few

window-boxes on houses on the Crossmolina Road would enhance their appearance. The house and walls to the left of Leonards should be re-painted.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The town sign on the Crossmolina Road was very nice and would be improved with a little more planting around it. The grass verges on this road should really be mown to the speed limit signs. The grass opposite Cagneys was well-maintained. The school road needs attention - boundary walls should be cleared of brambles. The grass verges on the Castlebar road were not mown, and there are stone walls here which could be cleared to improve the appearance of this road. The new stone walls on the main street just past the cafe were very attractive, and present a high standard for other walls on the main street. Many boundary walls on this road need re-painting.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Good effort for the first year of entry into the Tidy Towns Competition! We think that, based on this, the town offers great promise of improvements in the years to come.