

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MAYO ABBEY**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	19
Litter Control	40	16
Tidiness	20	9
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>140</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The village setting is very interesting, and has great potential to attract visitors. Information signs are needed. A good start would be to have a sign about the Abbey Village designed. A Town name sign is needed on the Castlebar approach. You should approach the County Council with a view to mutually preparing a 5 year development plan for the Village. You should also consider consulting An Taisce for advice on sensitive approaches to any modern developments.

### 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 green area next to the car park was not mown recently. Please take care of your past achievements. The Church grounds were well-maintained, as was the floral display in front of the Post office. Some hanging baskets would look well here. It might be a good idea to plant some flowers and shrubs along the top edge of the wall facing the road of the little green next to the car park. The planting at the Castlebar approach into the town was well-maintained. The planting in front of the Church is an outstanding effort- well done to all involved. Planting at the junction of the Ballyglass road was unfinished - it would have been better to start this in the springtime, but your efforts are noted.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Stephens pub and car park were well-presented. The buildings and shed opposite require attention. You should investigate the possibility of planting standard trees inside the wall opposite the car park to screen the large storage area. The proposal to develop the old church is good. The new church was the best presented building in the town, but it will need freshening up for next year, in particular the tower. You should consider developing a colour scheme for the buildings in the town

### LITTER CONTROL

Bins were not evident in the town and there was some litter in the car park. The area of litter control requires constant vigilance. Some litter had collected in the cemetery. There is a need to install litter bins in critical locations such as the car park, the entrance to the Abbey grounds, and the post office.

### TIDINESS

There were no weeds near the Church or Post office. Untidy side yards are the main problem in the town.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential buildings and gardens were well presented, with a good number of front gardens well developed. Those on the Castlebar road were especially admired.

### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges along the Carrowmore road were not maintained. These grass verges should be cut

and the town name sign repainted. The stone walls along this road area a great feature, and should be restored. The field gates along the approach roads should be painted a uniform colour. The boundary wall up to the GAA pitch needs repainting, as does the telephone box.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The effort made by such a small community is very commendable and the committee is making good progress. You need to set out a plan of approach in conjunction with the County Council for the towns development. The village has great potential - keep up the good work.