

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MURRISK**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	19
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	164

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns competition. You are to be commended for doing such a good job in your first year in the competition and for having so many people in the Town involved. As you are considering the development of the Village you will need to think about the Village in terms of an overall plan of action. Some areas which you may consider are - the Abbey and shoreline, the stream & tidal area - Croagh Patrick car park and houses and stonewalls

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stream to the right hand side of the Marian statue needs attention and should be included in your plan. The banks are in a poor state and need planting with native shrubs. Construction cones were thrown into the lovely brook. The view to Clew Bay and Croagh Patrick are spectacular, and a sign about local history should be considered. The shoreline along by the Abbey is very scenic and you should consider the development of this amenity.

LANDSCAPING

The flower beds along the Westport road were well kept. The planting in the Croagh Patrick car park was colourful and beds were weed free, but the lawns were not mown recently, as was the case in Murrisk Abbey. Some tree planting near the shoreline of the Abbey area would improve the appearance of the car park and the cemetery. The football pitch was well maintained and the new tree planting inside the wall was noted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Tavern looks well presented with nice window boxes but the wall facing the road is weedy. The stonewalls opposite the tavern look excellently presented. The post office was well presented, but some old signs will need repainting for next year. The building along the pathway to the right of the tavern could be whitewashed to freshen it up.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter on the walk down to the football pitches - a bin is needed here. Litter was also visible in the stream to the right hand side of the Marian statue. Litter control in the car park at Croagh Patrick was uneven - the main areas were very clean but there was litter strewn around the stream area at the rear of the toilets. Perhaps a sign would help regarding litter.

TIDINESS

Generally, all areas were tidy. Again the riverside areas were a problem, as there was dumping of tree branches and rubble in the stream/estuary area. The walls in the car park were tidy as was the car park. You need to tackle the problem of illegal dumping and arrange to have all debris removed from prominent areas on a regular basis.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The anchorage B&B was presented to a very high standard - well done! The house to the left of the tavern needs painting as does the 2nd house on the Louisburg side of the post office. The house next to the national school was well kept. The garden of the post office was nicely planted, and is an example to the other gardens in the Village. The house on the junction past the football pitch near archlawn needs painting, but the house itself was well presented with good gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Along the Westport road, while the grass was mown in the Village, the grass to the speed limit signs was not recently mown. The flowerbeds at the Village sign was very well presented and welcoming. There is a problem with people speeding through the Village which you should take up with the Council. The excellent work completed by the FAS scheme should be continued to all of the stone walls in the Village. The streamside areas need a general clean up, with tree planting and the development of these open spaces. Along the Louisburg road the grass verges were cut to the speed limit sign, but the Village sign is quite far out - you should move this sign in nearer to the Village. The road down to the Abbey was mown and well presented. The bench near the post office should be painted. The stone walls along the main road were well presented, and the shed near to the Marian statue needs to be cleaned up.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

For such a small Village you are making a great effort. The Village is very picturesque and has great potential for improvement and development. You need to plan ahead for the future development of the amenities of the Village.