

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **QUAY VILLAGE**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	21
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	179

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your development plan is good and its co-ordination of the various facets of the town is commended.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The area at the back of the rugby club could be developed as a wildlife area which would be a great attraction to this area. Some information signs indicating the birds in the estuary would be very informative.

LANDSCAPING

The hanging baskets on each of the poles along the quay is very striking and is a great effort. The beds near the seating areas could be planted with annuals. The margins by the school speed limit sign is not mown. The school grounds are well maintained, some tree planting in the grounds would look well. The picnic area and the planted boat is a very striking feature coming into the Town. The new planting and seating around the docks area and FAS centre is very pleasant. Some annuals could be planted in these beds to fill them out and give them colour until all of the new shrubs have fully established. There was plenty of activity along Creggs road on adjudication day - weeding and planting !

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the properties along the quay are well presented. There is generally a high standard of buildings maintenance, but there are some problems with derelict buildings which need to be addressed. The repointing of the walls is a great effort, and the cleaning of the stream along Creggs road is also a great effort. The dereliction along the quay is gradually dissipating, but you need to push for the renewal of these areas to improve the profile of the town.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control is good, but the lack of litter bins throughout the Town on adjudication day could result in the general standard of litter control being reduced on days of heavy usage of the Town by visitors. Litter bins are required along the quayside, and outside Keanes. Please ensure that the litter bins which you do have are emptied on a regular basis.

TIDINESS

There is a good standard of tidiness, and there has been a real improvement in the Town since last year - keep up the good work.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Creggs road and Rathmeel estates looked well on adjudication day. Buildings are very well kept, kerbs are generally tidy and the grass areas are neatly mown. In the housing estate opposite Rathmeel, the front gardens could do with some trees. Along Quay lane, the standard of maintenance is good until approximately half way up this road. You need to get the owners of the houses to mow the margins in front of their houses. Some walls and fencing could be improved.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach from Ballina is generally tidy, and well maintained. You should consider providing a car park near to the moorings area by the FAS centre. Along the Enniscrone road, some planting would improve the appearance of the boundary walls. Generally a good effort.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are making progress and there has been tremendous work carried out over the past year. More litter bins are required. Your floral displays were wonderful - keep up the good work !