

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **THE NEALE**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	25
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	165

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

No map or development plan was submitted with your submission. A map of the town together with your development objectives are necessary if you are to increase your rating in this section.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You need to develop a strategy for wildlife in the town. You could consider getting involved in the Mayo Corncrake Project, planting wildlife areas at the church or school. This is an area which you will need to plan for in the Town.

LANDSCAPING

The new tree planting on the Fair Green is coming along well and grass areas were tightly cut. The floral displays along the Cong road at Gibbons's and outside Mellett's is very attractive. Generally you should consider planting more trees throughout the town and in particular along approach roads, where native trees lining these approach roads would contribute greatly to the natural environment.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings in the town were presented to a high standard. There were some areas in need of attention such as the building behind the post office. The cross in the church grounds also needs to be painted. All of the shops in the town, Mellett's, Gibbons's and Heskin Meats were well presented. The freshly painted national school looks very well.

LITTER CONTROL

There was a good standard of litter control in the Town, with no littering visible. This is a very good effort - well done!

TIDINESS

There was some fly-posting visible on the post outside the church. Generally there was a high standard of tidiness throughout the town; verges were mown and kerbs were free of weeds .

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The house to the left of the post office is very well maintained. Some window-boxes would liven up the front of this house. Houses in the town were well-maintained and presented to a high standard. The colour scheme in the town is particularly complimentary to the overall impression of the town.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach from Ballinrobe, the verges were not mown, and the roadsigns were dirty. This area would benefit greatly from roadside tree planting. The approach from Cong by contrast was well presented, grass was mown and walls cleaned down - the town sign needs to be repainted and a floral display would also be good here.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Apart from the Ballinrobe road, the town was presented and maintained to a high standard. At this level in the competition, you need to develop the amenity in the town (tree planting) and attend to items such as roadsigns and gates/railings. This was an impressive presentation - well done!

