

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KEADUE**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22
Landscaping	40	29
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	33
Tidiness	20	14
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>220</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

It is very obvious that the community of Keadue are all working together and the results can be seen in the wonderful way the Village is presented. Well done for producing your development plan and wildlife project. You have succeeded in maintaining the very high standard which you achieved during the last three years. Other towns and villages in the county would do well to visit Keadue and perhaps get some ideas as to how best to present their own area. I hope you will be successful in securing funding for the O'Carolan National Harp Resource Centre. This would be an added attraction for the area and hopefully would increase visitor numbers to Keadue.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Lough Meelagh/Knockranny is a haven for wildlife. The nature walk is another asset for the area. The lovely archway at the entrance to Lough Meelagh Picnic area is very nice. The playground was very much in use on adjudication day.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The tree planting and shrubs and flower beds on the approach and throughout the village is most commendable. You have spared nothing in the presentation of these. The O'Carolan Heritage Park looked splendid. Such beautiful colour really enhances the village. Well done also for providing access for the disabled. Perhaps you would consider providing a hand rail at the steps to assist older people. This area must look lovely at night when it is lit up.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The commercial premises are all presented to a high standard. O'Donnells looks very nice and the flower bed in front of it looks lovely. The credit union, St. Ronan's hall and school are all nicely presented. The Church and Grounds look most impressive. The Sports amenity on completion will further add to Keadue.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

You have created a great awareness of the importance of a litter free village. On adjudication day the absence of litter was very evident. It is so important to involve the children at an early age. Well done to everybody and keep up the good work.

### **TIDINESS**

The stone litter bins are most attractive and very much in keeping with the village, also the stone flower tubs. I hope you will be successful in securing re-cycling facilities.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

You have succeeded in presenting the residential homes to a very good standard. The homes in the village with no front gardens have made their own garden by way of hanging baskets and window boxes. There were one or two houses in the village which could look a bit better perhaps given a fresh coat of paint.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

All approach roads are maintained to a good standard. The grass verges were very neat and trimmed. The amount of flowers especially on the approach from Boyle approximately a half mile outside the village was beautiful and gave a most welcoming effect. The uniformed "welcome signs" are also very

imaginative and very different. The village pumps are lovely great attention to detail here.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

No visit to County Roscommon would be complete without a visit to Keadue. The village looked lovely on adjudication day and I really enjoyed my visit there. You have great plans for the future and I would not be surprised to hear that you will be in the winners enclosure again in the not too distant future. Congratulations on your success to-date and continued success for the future. I look forward to a return visit.

#### SECOND ADJUDICATION (10/08/96)

The village of Keadue looked virtually faultless on a sunny August second Adjudication Day. The village was alive with colourful floral displays of window boxes and hanging baskets. The O'Carolan Heritage Park looked magnificent with a good blend of colours and textures to the planting. The presentation of the Sligo road was admired for its stone surround to a charming village pump with colourful flowers. The verges were neatly cut and signage was very fresh. The retention of the traditional square sign is to be commended. However, one or two problem areas were noted. Fryer Tuck's van looked quite unfortunate sitting in front of the Credit Union, the flags of the O'Carolan Heritage Park were quite faded and a few gable walls to houses along Main Street need freshening up..