

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BUNANADDEN**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	18
The Built Environment	40	15
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>139</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition! The incompleteness of your entry made it very difficult for the adjudicators to determine what you had done and what your overall plans are for the town. By not listing any projects in any categories which you have completed this year, it seemed as if your committee have not done anything! As the Development Association have received a substantial amount of funds from the Urban Renewal Programme, it would be useful to provide an explanation of how it will be used. It is very important that in future years you note on the map of the town where the projects that you have completed are located, to enable the adjudicators to find them and to fully assess your efforts.

We hope that the research you are currently doing on the history of your village will enlighten us as to its unique features. The link to St. Aedan in the name of the village and the Church is an interesting one which should be explored and could be pointed out in the name signs of the village. The old cemetery (Carrigeenacreba) shown on your map sounds like another historic element of the village which should be researched. While it is encouraging that there is enthusiasm and good will in the local community, you will need a plan to channel that enthusiasm (and funding) to achieve results. You might consider organising a local festival on an annual basis to develop this enthusiasm and draw visitors to the town to raise awareness and community spirit. There is generally a good effort evident, but you will need to build on the strong points of your town and try to involve everyone as fully as possible. We look forward to seeing your plans for improvement and to see the results of your efforts in coming years!

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

While your village does not have the advantage of a dramatic natural setting, the rural environment around it could offer great wildlife potential in terms of hedgerows. Why not consider developing a broadleaf woodland with the new grant scheme for amenity woodland? Perhaps local farmers could get involved in the REPS scheme. The low-lying area just southwest of the town may offer wildlife potential or contain unusual plants. You will need to work on this aspect of the village, and perhaps this would be an excellent project for the local schoolchildren.

### LANDSCAPING

There are very few trees in the village centre. One possible location would be the wide expanse of paving near the cardphone box. Trees could also be planted on approach roads.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The large hall on the right side of the Sligo entrance to the town should be painted as it looks quite drab. The boundary wall of the car park (on the Church side) also needs painting. St. Aedan and Attracta Church and its grounds looked very well-maintained, as did the parish priests house, with its hanging baskets. A few trees could be planted in front to further increase its enhancement of the village centre. Leahys shop is very tidy but it has too many stickers in the window and also too many roadside signs, creating a cluttered appearance. The Millers Inn looks clean but would benefit from hanging baskets/window-boxes.

### LITTER CONTROL

Generally, litter control was very good throughout the town, and this reflects on your efforts to increase awareness in this regard.

### TIDINESS

An untidy impression was created by weeds at the cardphone box and along the kerbs in front of the Church. The blocks outside of Millers added to this impression. The derelict building next to the post

office is a problem area. Tidiness was also a problem in areas along the approach roads (see below).

#### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small house attached to Millers needs freshening up.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Sligo Road was not looking its best, as the grass verges had not been mown. Some of the boundary walls and houses on the right side coming into the town were in need of painting. Also on the right side, at the bend in the road, there is barbed wire and chain-link fencing which is rather unattractive. This could simply be planted with hedging to enhance the approach to the town. There were some weedy kerbs on the Sligo road, creating an untidy appearance, and fencing in need of painting has created a neglected impression. The Boyle/Tubbercurry road was marred by dumping and dereliction near the speed limit signs. Again, grass verges need to be mown. The Achonry road would be easily enhanced by some planting at the entrance to the town and general maintenance.

Greater attention is needed to the streetscape of the town, particularly the types and condition of paving on the footpaths. The footpath should be continued out in the direction of the Sligo road past the hall.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

As was mentioned in detail in the report, the Town needs to focus on the maintenance and development of the main street. Some more attention to landscape in particular the placement of floral displays would really liven up the buildings. The Town has great capacity for improvement, and we hope to see the standard of the Town rise over the coming years.