

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LEENANE**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	165	159

Leenane, Co. Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the entry form and the update of the development plan. Hopefully, by the year 2000 the plan will be fully implemented. Certainly the work you have done to date is noted. Leenane is such a picturesque village no matter how you approach it. However, there is some work which could be undertaken immediately and without a lot of cost.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The pink hotel building certainly is in need of attention. This building has looked very neglected now for sometime. The Garda Barracks is nicely presented as is the Village Grill. Hamilton's, the Leenane Cultural Centre and the school are all presented to a good standard. The Western Health Centre looks well. It is obvious that the business community is very involved and doing their part to make Leenane beautiful.

LANDSCAPING

The entire landscape surrounding Leenane is breathtakingly beautiful. The tree planting already in place is attractive, but there is still many other species which could be planted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have much wildlife in your area, you have just not identified it. You should identify the wildlife habitats of your area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. You will be delighted at discovering the number and extend of these habitats. You have wonderful natural amenities at the harbour and indeed you have that lovely walk along part of the Western Way.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally there is good litter control throughout the village. This is good to see as it is so easy to fall down in this area. I always think it is a good idea to involve the children in anti-litter campaigns - perhaps in the form of a competition.

TIDINESS

The open space opposite the Garda Barracks looked most untidy. Also, the area beside the Village Grill looks a bit unsightly (this was also pointed out to you last year). I know you have problems with some derelict buildings and this is noted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A good effort here under this category, especially the houses providing accommodation. All of the houses on the approach roads look very nice, and I saw some lovely well manicured gardens. If one has pride in their own homes then it will spill over into the community. Well done to all involved.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads generally are well presented. The "Leenane" signs look very nice and blend in very well with the landscape. The road works on adjudication day is noted and will be a good improvement when completed. The Kylemore approach looks extra good, but a little bit of attention to the grass verges here is required. Also more use could be made of the carpark area in the village. The walls and gates at the graveyard should be painted. While the graveyard is in a beautiful location it is a bit overgrown and could do with attention. Also the statues at the Church could be painted and the area is a bit overgrown. Some rusty barrels were evident on the Westport Road and they should be removed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are so fortunate to be living in such a lovely village. You have done very good work to date and you have ambitious plans which no doubt you will succeed with. I hope you get the necessary funds to continue your work. May I wish you continued success.