

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **AUGHAGOWER**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	210	199

Aughagower, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed and detailed entry form with map. It is important with any long term plan to take stock and review progress. To achieve higher marks in the competition when you reach a certain standard is not easy and requires all the Community working and supporting the efforts of their neighbours.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The completed stone walls and central shrub area at the car park looks well. The Abbey and Round Tower area looked well but watch the height of the grass in this area. Buildings in the village well presented included Cannon's and out buildings, Scott's and Muldoon's. Also vacant buildings at certain locations are not being neglected. The Church tower requires painting

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout the village especially at the river and at private residences is a credit. The Marian Shrine looked well as did the landscaping at the car park. The flower beds on the approach roads were colourful and welcoming.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The maximising of the river facility as a natural amenity is good to see. The protection of the nesting of the wildlife within the Tower and graveyards and its further enhancement is acknowledged.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter bins must be watched as they can overflow quickly and should be monitored regularly, especially at the old white cottage on the Castlebar approach road intersection. There appeared to be no problem with litter about the Village - well done.

TIDINESS

There appears to be an ongoing effort made with weed control in the centre of the village as was obvious on adjudication day. The village looked tidy and colourful. Bare walls should be planted with creepers e.g. the end wall of the sports complex and the front of the Community Centre. The car park should not become a storage area for fertiliser bags as this will lead to clutter.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Village residents are making an effort and it shows with freshly painted houses and colourful gardens or flower arrangements

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Castlebar approach road with its fine stone walls looked well, perhaps some tree planting at suitable locations along this route

might be considered. The planting of trees along the road to the graveyard will help this area due to the width of the road. The Westport approach road looked well with its nice stone walls and painted gate. Signs should be painted as required. Watch tall grass and briars appearing over the stone walls. The Tourmekeady approach road with the Community Centre and old school and flower beds looked well. The Leenane approach road and other minor road with its flower bed and sign at intersection looked well. The broken fence and wall prior to residences on the right should be rebuilt or a gate provided. This road contained a number of residences whose owners are making an effort and looked well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Aughagower is making a concerted effort. Keep up the good work. The time is approaching where every fine detail will be important. Your Village looks well but more work is still to be done. Good luck.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (6/8/97)

Aughagower has enormous potential to succeed in the competition as it has all the vital ingredients of the stereotypical village. It is best enjoyed looking down from the graveyard with the round tower and church protruding above the other buildings against the beautiful backdrop of wooded hills. One of the lessons to be learned from this location is that all buildings irrespective of use or disuse must be maintained to an equal standard. The road to the grave yard was quite weedy along the edges - it is suggested that some indigenous tree planting might be considered to supplement the existing stock in other parts of the village. Litter was commendably not a problem and storage in the carpark was not quite so prevalent this time. The recent and ongoing stone wall building is commended together with the appropriate treatment of the riverside. As a cautionary note, do not allow the village to become cluttered with a proliferation of superfluous flower planting as it is the natural beauty, simply presented, that you should promote.