

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINTUBBER**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>182</b>

## **Ballintubber, County Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your copy of the development plan, we suggest you review progress to date and structure the work by year, for the remaining period. As the area covered is extensive and contains miles of stone walls and grass verges it is vital you maintain a very wide programme of maintenance not alone on the main Castlebar - Ballinrobe road but also on all roads within the catchment area entered. Recommendations in previous reports regarding wildflower meadows and grass verges on roads should be considered.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Abbey and grounds looked very well on adjudication day, as did, Corleys pub and residences with flower arrangements. The Garden Centre, Kate Kellys signs and painting also looked well, as did Mary Morans Cottage. The development next door to Mary Morans is obviously ongoing but watch side areas and weed control at these two properties. When the reconstruction works at CastleBurke are fully completed it will further enhance this area and is a fine amenity. A suggestion for the car park adjacent to the Abbey would be planting of a small number of trees within the car park either parallel and next to the road or within the carpark on an island. Presently the car park is wide open and the trees would help the overall view, but watch the weeds within this area.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping throughout the Abbey is very impressive with OPW gardeners working on the grounds during our visit. The various colourful planting of shrubs and flowers throughout the area, especially at intersections and at signs looked well. The tree planting on the main road looks well, watch the bases of existing trees and keep them free from weed and tall grass, in general your tree planting throughout looked well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Lough Carra and its shoreline is by and large your main wildlife and natural amenity. It is a major resource and should be further developed and maintained both for the residents of the locality and the visitor.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

You do not appear to have a problem with litter only an odd piece here and there, but largely having no litter bins available at all is not a good idea.

### **TIDINESS**

Ballintubber and its environs has a very good standard of tidiness, however, grass margins at some locations need to be tackled and this would further enhance the tidiness factor.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The Majority of residents are making an effort with their properties painted and well maintained, their gardens having an assortment of shrubs, trees and very colourful planting. However the areas immediately outside the front boundary of properties must be watched as this can effect the visual impact of the property itself.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREA**

On adjudication day the grass cutter was in operation on the Castlebar - Ballinrobe road and this approach looked well as did the Glasgort district road. Some of the other approach roads require the grass verges and bushes to be attended to for example, the approach road via the presbytery to the Abbey and the Moorehall approach road, this would also facilitate traffic.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Community involvement is certainly obvious throughout Ballintubber. Due to the rural environment of the area it is important that your roads with their signs and vast amount of fine stone walls and grass verges be watched. Good luck with your various projects in the future but keep an eye on your existing ones as they can be often forgotten when a community moves forward.