

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BANGOR ERRIS**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	162	160

Bangor Erris, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your copy of the development plan submission, from your meeting of April 1996, regarding Bangor Erris Town improvements. We would strongly recommend a full Tidy Towns plan, probably spread over the next five years. This programme would identify various works to be undertaken year by year. The plan would be modified as circumstances dictate, it would help focus the efforts of all the community and give them a sense of involvement in their village. The plan need not be a sophisticated document and advice is available from the various agencies.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The school with its flower boxes looked well but some of the trees in the grounds require attention. Erris Motors-Texaco forecourt, Brogans-Spar, Kiltane Tavern all with their hanging baskets and flowers looked well. The North Western Fisheries building looks neglected and requires painting. The Jet Garage facade and forecourt was disappointing. The painted GAA pitch walls looked well, the adjoining open area on the corner should be developed or tidied up. The Church grounds were cut and tidy. The derelict building and area to the side of the church at the bridge is an eyesore.

LANDSCAPING

The cement items outside the church should be filled with flowers and any empty containers located around the village should be planted. The existing few look well. Some tree planting should be considered on approach roads where possible especially in sheltered areas.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have the Owenmore River at your doorstep, some development work should be considered along this stretch. A wildlife and natural amenity plan with a programme of work with the involvement of the school children should be seriously considered.

LITTER CONTROL

There was only a small amount of litter around the village on adjudication day. It is important that litter bins are monitored. In general the main street was clear but the small open areas and the sides of premises has some small pockets of litter.

TIDINESS

The storage of kegs and barrells on the street and footpaths leads to clutter and un-tidiness. Side and rear entrances of commercial premises should be screened off or gates provided. Rear views of residential properties should be painted or screened off. Watch your open spaces for untidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A number of houses are making an effort on the Dohoma and Belmullet approach roads. The new housing estate prior to the Texaco station looked tidy, additional flowers would brighten the front areas. The housing estate on the opposite side of the road had some residents making the effort and looked well where as others are making no effort.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road sign on the Bellacorrik road requires replacing and perhaps a suitable shrubbery should be created in conjunction with a sign at this approach to the village. We agree with the relocating of the depot as this would free the area for amenity purposes, in the interim some screening should be provided. The young trees on this road should be monitored. The Ballycroy approach road fencing should be repaired and some painting is required on the bridge. In general watch roadside hedging and grass borders.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is vital that the community of Bangor Erris work together and develop their own village, certainly in co-operation with the local authorities but the community must accept ownership and responsibility for the work involved. A lot of work is required to progress in the competition and it will take a number of years and hard work but it will be worth it. Many other town and villages throughout Ireland have done it and Bangor Erris has a lot going for it, so build on what you have and go forward together.