

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BEAL AN MHUIRTHEAD**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	23	21
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	20	18
Tidiness	20	10	8
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	173	159

Beal an Mhuirthead (Belmullet)

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Go raibh maith agat le do mion fhoirm iarratas, learscail agus mionchuntas ag an obair ata deanta acu o shin an bliain seo caite. Ag obair chuig an plean is an bealach nios mo chun dul chun cinn.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is vital that you keep the issue of the neglected and derelict buildings of Belmullet on the top of your agenda, improvements will come but it takes a lot of effort and time. Commercial property shopfronts are improving and look well, an example include: Cafferkys, Londis, A.J. O'Reilly, Udaras na Gaeltachta the County Library Building, An Buiilin Blasta and the Bank of Ireland. However the other property owners should be encouraged to also improve their property. The addition of flower boxes and baskets on buildings does make a difference to the streetscape and should be encouraged, this would help in the case of Main Street and Quay Street. Some of the street lamp poles require painting.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping along the canal and its seating looks well, however the area at the Blacksod shore end is still neglected. The flower bed across from the school looks well as do the flower tubs along the quay/sea front areas. The school flower planting looks very well. The planting on Church Street at the fire station and at Ionad Spoir premises area, look well. The existing shrub/flower beds on Barrack Street should be kept weed free and the new planting looks well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The proposals for developing a viewing platform and information board on the areas wildlife, and natural amenities at An Tra Beag, are to be welcomed and we look forward to same. The local school children should be encouraged to undertake projects to investigate, research and develop their own wetland and grassland habitat. Indeed Belmullet due to its location and the designation of Blacksod Bay as a special protection area, is itself an important coastal habitat.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no major evidence of litter around the town centre, however the shore areas require attention as does the dock area where there was litter.

TIDINESS

In general Belmullet looked tidy, the placing/storage of beer barrels on the footpaths is to be discouraged as this impedes access for pedestrians especially persons with disabilities. The addition of flower boxes/hanging baskets on buildings helps to create a feeling of tidiness. Weed control is also important especially on the approach roads in to the town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Fr Mulhern Crescent looks well, some residents on Shore Road are making an effort and their houses and gardens look well. In the centre of town, and along the canal, residential properties have window boxes and flower baskets and they look very well. The remaining houses throughout the town should be encouraged to plant flower and shrubs or provide flower boxes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Ballina Road improvements looked well and should be continued. The many well maintained private gardens on this approach road looked very well, however the other properties should also make an effort. A tree planting scheme should be considered for Barrack Street due to its width. The Blacksod approach road improvements, tree planting etc. looked well. The vacant plot at the corner on the shore side prior to joining the main road should be attended to and Belmullet Motors should screen the side area of their property. The planting of hedges at the intersection at the bridge is noted. The neglected properties previously improved should be attended to again, especially at the end of America Street. Church Street improvements looked well especially the walls, entrance and footpath, planting at the County Council Offices and Fire Station. The planting on the slip road looks well, however the dock area with the recycling facility is neglected, this is a pity as this area has such potential. The shore road walls, road sides etc. should be improved.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Is mian liom go mbeidh gach toradh agaibh sna iomaiocht, agus i rith na blianta ata seo chugainn. Le obair crua, am agus iarracht, is coir an Beal An Mhuirthead dul i bhfeabhas na marcanna sna iomaiocht