

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BREAFFY**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	22	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	18	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	18
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	151	150

Breaffy, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As indicated in last years adjudication report you should produce a 3-5 year Development Programme for Breaffy in co-operation with the local authority, FÁS and the LEADER programme, all of whom do make a valuable contribution to the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings are well presented. The church, Shamrock Bar and St. Johns school all looked well. The garage is very poorly presented and maintained - the owners have a duty to improve their premises and the area around it. Please be aware of the back areas - on the day of adjudication the rear of the Shamrock Bar was untidy. The hotel is a wonderful facility and the new developments are to be commended.

LANDSCAPING

The green area opposite the school and the church are very well maintained. Your choice of trees and shrubs is to be commended. While some mowing of the verges on the approach roads from Claremorris and Castlebar was noticeable, the use of weed-killer on the verges should be discouraged - this was the case in the area adjacent to the cul-de-sac on the Claremorris road and looked unsightly.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The hotel owners are to be commended for their work in developing a splendid wildlife facility and maybe you would consider erecting a local wildlife information panel in the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately there was litter in evidence throughout the village, particularly at the base of the wall opposite the church and in the GAA pitch where plastic soft drink and milk bottles were all too prevalent.

TIDINESS

There is a need for regular weed control particularly at the base of the new stone walls in the village but, in general, the village does have a very tidy appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The private houses are very well presented. The homes in the area of Woodview Lodge B&B are to be commended, although the open green areas on the drive into these homes is in need of attention. The use of flower boxes on window sills in the home in the village is also very attractive.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some of the grass verges needed mowing. The village streets were well maintained save for some weeds at the base of the walls.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

We would encourage you to do some more work on your Development Plan and involve the school children and local residents in regular maintenance. The garage presents a major challenge for your committee but you will have to persevere if you are to progress in this Competition.