

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CROSSMOLINA**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	26
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	16	17
Tidiness	20	11	12
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>171</b>

## **Crossmolina, County Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Many thanks for your report. We await the 3-5 year Development Plan which hopefully you will develop in co-operation with FÁS and the local authority. To date you have done well with their co-operation and that of the LEADER Company.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

While you are strong on areas like traditional shop fronts, you do have weaknesses with derelict or unkempt buildings. Bolands, William Thomas, Philip Munnelys, McMorrrows and The Thatch Bar are a few examples of particularly attractive premises. The church and school looked well save for the weeds in the school play area. The public library needs urgent attention and hopefully will be refurbished soon.

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have done well with your landscaping programme, particularly with the lovely shrub beds on the main approach roads. Try to replace the plastic tubs with block units like those close by on the Lahardane approach. The river will be a major landscaping opportunity and will provide a most attractive amenity when complete. Beware of weeds on footpaths and at the base of walls.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river is your main project under this heading but you should also consider nature walks in the general area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was litter in evidence on the Ballina approach and on Rake Street near the abandoned trailer. As a busy town you will have to give more attention to dealing with this basic requirement.

### **TIDINESS**

Uncontrolled car-parking and traffic jams give the town a cluttered and untidy appearance. The derelict, or poorly maintained premises, abandoned trailers and farm machinery add to this problem. The new flower beds and the river amenity are great improvements but this category needs more of your attention.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A high standard in general, particularly in the estates on the Erris and Ballycastle roads - Well Done! Some people make a very impressive effort with their gardens and the general appearance of their homes. A competition for the best presented garden might help raise standards. The

derelict buildings are a problem and you will have to obtain support from owners to improve these premises.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach roads with the well presented shrubs and trees are a key strength - the streets are cluttered with cars and traffic problems are too commonplace for such a small town. Discuss this problem with the local gardaí.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

While you are getting major work projects such as the river and the approach roads completed, more support will have to be forthcoming from the community for litter control, general tidiness, etc., if you are to improve in the Competition.