

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KEEL**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	15	15
The Built Environment	40	9	18
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	9
Litter Control	40	20	21
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	12	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	16
General Impression	10	4	4
TOTAL MARK	300	125	124

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks to Gráinne Calvey for the completed report and plan of work. We would like to see you develop a long term plan in co-operation with the local authority and FÁS. Such an approach will provide areas of responsibility for all and might assist you in securing support from the LEADER II Programme.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Clathan-style layout of the village is attractive and many of the new accommodation facilities like the caravan park, Stella Maris, The Bervie and Joyces Marian Villa looked well. Some of the commercial premises are cluttered with advertising signs and look untidy. Many of the older derelict buildings are being redeveloped - probably due to the Tax Resort Scheme - which provides a good opportunity to improve the appearance of the village as a whole, if properly managed. Hopefully you are in discussions with the planning authority to ensure appropriate developments.

LANDSCAPING

Co-operation with the local authority will assist you develop a landscaping programme for the Sandybank area. The playground needs attention and the soil/rubble opposite the caravan park should be removed. The village itself needs your attention as hedges, open areas and walls could benefit from a landscaping programme.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Save for the Blue Flag Beach sign on wildlife there is little evidence of action under this category. The area has lots of potential and wildlife walks, wildflower areas, etc. should be considered. Again, involve local and county experts to assist you.

LITTER CONTROL

While the caravan park area was litter free, the village was not. Litter lined the kerb from the Minaun View Bar to Calveys, even the wire fencing in the village was flying plastic bags. You need more regular litter patrols to keep the village litter free.

TIDINESS

Despite the building works in progress and the evidence of litter, the redevelopment of the village is improving its tidy appearance. Watch out for abandoned block work.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some of the home owners make a good effort while others

do little to improve appearance. Self catering homes can be a particular problem if not regularly maintained. You also have a few derelict buildings, some of which have been painted / white washed and look better. Keep the pressure on to have all derelict sites properly dealt with.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The key feature of the approach roads from the Sound is the proliferation of home-made signs competing for the eye of the motorist and lowering the standard of the area. Try to have these removed. The wire fencing and walls need attention - to tidy them up remove litter and plant trees and shrubs where appropriate. Back areas need attention also. The view from the Crumpaun road is poor and the rear of the Annex Inn is littered with bottles.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are new to the Competition and to advance you will have to win community support and work hard together on all the Tidy Town categories. You have much to do but the Tax Resort Scheme does present an opportunity to carefully redevelop old buildings and so improve the overall appearance of the village.