

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LAHARDANE**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	32
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	12
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	14	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	17
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>167</b>

## **Lahardane, County Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

You are working from a very strong base and I thank you for your report. We would wish to see you develop a detailed Development Plan in co-operation with the local authority and FÁS and you should discuss your programme with the local LEADER Company, which may be in a position to assist you.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Most of your important buildings look well. Devanneys Bar, Barretts Bar, Ann Gale Cafe and the Post Office are all very well presented. Leonards Funeral Home is most attractive. Continue to encourage people to replace plastic signs with more traditional signs.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The trees and shrubs are most attractive. Think again about planting flowers at the bases of the trees - they are not necessary - and you might consider planting more shrub beds. The flower presentations in the village are attractive, especially the shrub garden opposite the church.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

A wildlife walk to Nephin might be considered with wildlife information panels in a car park area to encourage walkers to enjoy your area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

In the main street area good litter control was in evidence, however, watch out for back areas where old counters, plastic and cars are being kept in open view.

### **TIDINESS**

The overall appearance of the village was neat save for the back areas of some premises.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Some people make a better effort than others. Watch out for the area between Leonards and the Spar Supermarket, some of the homes need refurbishing, walls painting, etc. The premises in the area of T. K. Supplies also need refurbishment.

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

The approach roads, the welcome signs and the stone wall on the Newport road are most attractive. Watch out for weeds at the base of the wall. Back areas are a problem, in particular the barn area on the Newport approach is littered with old vehicles, rubble and plastic in full public view and

needs attention.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Your village has a lot of potential, perhaps you might consider visiting some high achievers in the Competition to get some vision of what you need to achieve to do well in the Competition.