

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MAYO ABBEY**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	21
The Built Environment	40	20	19
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	12
Litter Control	40	16	16
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	141	140

Mayo Abbey, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your completed application form and detailed maps. Mayo Abbey is a wonderfully historic place and an important religious site. We would welcome a more detailed Tidy Town Development Plan covering the next five years which should focus on works to be completed and the co-operation with such bodies as the local authority, FÁS, the local Development Co., and the LEADER programme. Congratulations on your success with fund-raising and on having so many committee members.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new church was particularly well presented as was the GAA pitch. The old church and cemetery are in need of attention and your plans to develop a visitor centre is to be welcomed. Stephens Pub itself was well presented, however out buildings close by could do with some attention. You also have a few derelict buildings which should be redeveloped or improved upon.

LANDSCAPING

Your work on the stone walls and tree and shrub planting is to be commended. The FÁS course has been a great benefit to your community. Try to encourage further shrub planting near Stephens Pub and the use of flower tubs and hanging baskets.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You made no reference to this category on your entry form. You should try to involve a local environmentalists in developing a wildlife programme. The Abbey area is the great amenity and hopefully your ambitious plans for its development will be realised.

LITTER CONTROL

There was evidence of litter - cans, paper, etc. - along the kerbside throughout the village. You will need to focus on this key requirement for the competition.

TIDINESS

The new landscaping and the church grounds give a good tidy appearance. The area opposite Stephens Pub and up to the church and cemetery needs attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The village is small and compact. Most of the homes are well presented and maintained. Continue to encourage a high standard in garden maintenance and flower presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are in need of some maintenance with regard to the cutting of grass verges and further tree/shrub planting where appropriate. Discuss this measure with the local authority.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

On the day of adjudication the FÁS workers were busy tidying up in the cemetery and the landscaped areas. The village was a hive of Tidy Towns activity. Please work on your Development Plan with the relevant agencies and focus on the Wildlife and Natural Amenity category.