

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MURRISK**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	26
The Built Environment	40	15	23
Landscaping	40	28	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	20	19
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	164

Murrisk, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for the detailed Murrisk Community Plan. You have established excellent relationships with LEADER, the local authority and FÁS and have even succeeded in winning Government support with the siting of the National Famine Monument in the village. You are doing well to date and we look forward to seeing the planned projects develop over the coming years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village is becoming very built up and one presumes many of the houses are holiday homes which does present particular problems. Generally the built environment of the village is well presented, the Post Office and house opposite with well developed gardens and the Anchorage B&B are examples. Other properties are derelict and action should be taken to improve their appearance. The public toilet facility in the Croagh Patrick car park was clean and well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The work undertaken along the main road is to be commended. Your choice of trees and wild flowers are attractive as are the flower boats. However, some weed control in the wild flower areas would further enhance them.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The new wildlife sign is very attractive but you might consider providing further information in the car park encouraging visitors to take a wildlife walk around the village. As a coastal village and, of course, having the unique Croagh Patrick the area has much potential in this category.

LITTER CONTROL

In general, litter control was good. There was some litter washed up on the shore in the area of the pier and in the stream near the Marian Shrine which was also noted in last years report.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village is one of neatness and tidiness. Some further effort could be given to weed control and derelict properties. There were two fast food vans in the car park which were not particularly attractive and should be removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The village is becoming very built up, new site for sale signs are common and you should consider discussing a

residential development plan with the local authority. People with second homes have a duty to care for them. In general homes were well presented and maintained.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main street is well presented and maintained and one can sympathise with your problems of vehicles driving at speed through the village. This is a problem which should be discussed with the Gardai and local authority. The back roads, which are numerous, are narrow, many with grassy centres and overgrown hedges, while at the same time most attractive and rural. Your programme for the development of wild flower areas and planting trees should be continued as they are visibly most attractive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

For a committee which has so recently become involved with the Tidy Towns Competition you have done very well. Our compliments to the local authority, FÁS, the LEADER programme and the residents who have given such great assistance. The new Famine Memorial and garden will be another great attraction necessitating more bus and car parking facilities for the growing number of visitors who will want to stop here.