

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **NEWPORT-MAYO**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	14
Litter Control	40	30	27
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	14	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	179	171

Newport, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your Development Plan 1997 -2000 which will give you a framework for future developments. We wish you well and trust that the local authority and FÁS will continue to provide assistance.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of your important buildings are well presented and maintained. Newport House and the school were neat and tidy. The Catholic church is a most impressive building and the oratory and adjacent building which used to be the railway station are also well maintained. St. Catherines church has restricted access but looks well and hopefully will be re-consecrated in time. You have done very well with progress to redevelop derelict buildings. The LEADER office and Tourist Information Office i.e. Carey Walsh Building on Georges Street, looks well as does the redeveloped area opposite Supervalu supermarket. Hopefully the new hotel near the Anglers Rest will be developed in the near future.

LANDSCAPING

Your progress in this category - the approach roads, flower beds, etc. - is welcomed. The amenity area is of course The Quay and hopefully you will develop a programme of work with the owner and the local authority. Your problem with maintenance of flower beds and tubs might be solved by encouraging local people to sponsor the maintenance in the areas adjacent to their premises.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You do not seem to have addressed this category of the Competition. You need to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment and see what species of flora and fauna exist. Try to involve your local experts and school children with a view to developing a wildlife and amenity walk.

LITTER CONTROL

You seem to have good litter control as we found little litter in evidence - Well Done!

TIDINESS

Much progress has been made to tidy up the appearance of the town. Areas that need your attention are walls - plastering, painting, derelict buildings and open areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

While some home owners make a great effort others do little to assist, this is very well exemplified in Oak Park, where some the small gardens look really well while others

do nothing to tidy up the appearance of their homes. Many of the properties need painting. Also worthy of note is the Anchor House B&B and the designed home beside it. Commercial properties looking well include the Post Office, Chambers Pub, Supervalu, Brennans, Darac Crafts and Dominick Kellys.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to the town looked well. The dark factory-type building on the Achill road is poorly presented and gives a poor impression. Discuss low maintenance planting of suitable trees and shrubs with the local authority. The Castlebar road was under repair and was very cluttered with cars in the area of the old viaduct walk. The street up to St. Catherines church was cluttered with beer kegs and empties from Nevins Bar - these should be stored off the street.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Well done! For a small sub-committee you are doing well and your approach augers well for the coming years.