

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **THE NEALE**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	19	18
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	12
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>165</b>

## **The Neale, County Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Many thanks for your completed application form, map and Development Plan. You have done well to secure the assistance of Telecom Eireann to have all cables laid underground this year and your plans to develop footpaths is to be welcomed. We feel your Plan should address strategies to develop each of the categories outlined in this Competition and it should also allocate responsibilities and resources within a time frame.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As the village is quite small and compact, most of your buildings are well presented and maintained. The church, Mellotts, Gibbons and the Post Office all looked well. Be aware of the need for weed control in the area of the ball alley. The school was also well maintained and presented. Well Done!

### **LANDSCAPING**

The village green area with the raised beds looked well. Again we would advise planting more trees, particularly along the approach roads which need some attention. The National Monument opposite the school seems lost in bushes, etc. And should be cleaned and opened up to the public.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Little, if any, attention was given to this category and no reference was made to it in your report. The scenic walk will be a welcome addition. You need sign posting, secure access and car parking facilities for the Temple, Gods of The Neale and Pyramids which are most unusual and attractive features of interest to visitors. The walk will provide an opportunity to develop this area and you should involve your local environmentalists in developing the walk in a manner that adds to the enjoyment of the indigenous flora and fauna of the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Again this year there was a very high standard of litter control. Well Done!

### **TIDINESS**

Save for the Ballinrobe approach road the village was very neat and tidy.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Nearly all of the private homes in the village are neat, tidy and very well maintained. You are to be congratulated in winning the support of the local people and it is good to see

such pride in ones home.

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

The approach road from Ballinrobe is in need of attention. Further tree and shrub planting, the footpath and cleaning of the stone walls should be a priority here. In the village itself watch out for maintenance of walls and the ball alley.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

You are fortunate to have such a small compact village and the local support exemplified by the presentation of the homes, commercial premises and common areas. You need to focus on all categories of the Competition if you are to progress further.