

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **THE QUAY**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	23	22
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	181	179

The Quay, Ballina, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your report and 5 year Development Plan which is well focused. You are fortunate to have such support from FÁS and the local authority. Well done to Cllrs. A. M. Reape and E. Caffrey, and John Shannon, the engineer, for giving you their support. Hopefully the local authority will be able to assist you with the footpath project which would be a great addition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the commercial buildings and B&Bs are well presented and maintained. The Riverboat Inn is most attractive. Watch out for beer kegs and gas bottles left out in the open car park area. The ongoing work by FÁS on the old quay buildings is most impressive - well done to all concerned. You might encourage Walshs shop to fit a more traditional shop front and screen-off the back area close by.

LANDSCAPING

Many of the homes and commercial premises make a very good impression with displays of flower baskets and beautifully presented gardens. Your flower boats along the river route are most attractive. The use of railway sleepers in the landscaped area of the heritage area is most attractive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You might consider a wall information panel referring to local wildlife. Discuss this with the local authority who have experience in this area due to the Blue Flag Beach Programme. The natural amenity is, of course, the river and the three seating areas are most attractive, as is the landscaping at the heritage area. Long term you might consider removing the stone wall in favour of metal railings to open up the river to passing traffic. A river walk would be a wonderful idea and well worth pursuing with all interested parties.

LITTER CONTROL

Your high standards are being maintained. Litter bins were empty. Watch out for the car park area outside the Riverboat Inn and Walshs shop.

TIDINESS

In general the village was neat and tidy. Your plans to screen the old high building where the FÁS scheme are working should be pursued. Watch out for abandoned building material and rubble. Some weed control is also required.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residences in the village and in the estates are well maintained with some doing more than others. Homes opposite the Ice House are most attractive. Some very poorly presented buildings need your attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main approach from Ballina is attractive. The stone village name sign is attractive as is the flower presentation on the Creggs road. Watch out for over use of weedkiller as done in the home beyond the school on the Creggs road. Dead weeds and grass should be removed after using weedkiller.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your progress in the competition is commendable. Keep up the good work! We wish you well in your dealings with the local authority in the footpath issue.