

Tidy Towns 1997

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BEALNAMULLA**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	--
Litter Control	40	26	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	22	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Bealnamulla, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Bealnamulla is welcome to the Tidy Towns Competition. This is your first year of entry and the adjudicators visit to your village was most pleasant; we look forward to many repeat visits. A good place to start would be to prepare an overall development plan for the village phased over a three or five year period. This does not have to be prepared by a professional; the committee can have a walk around the village, identify projects they would like to see completed over the next couple of years, make a list of them and put a time frame on them. This approach is better for the overall development of the village than an ad hoc approach. Don't forget to let the County Council know what you want to achieve; you can send them a copy of your plan and include a copy also with next year's application to the Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed questionnaire. The ordinance survey map was inappropriate for adjudication needs; a simple sketch map highlighting the starting and ending point of the village and locating projects that have been completed over the year will be sufficient.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Mill Bar and Restaurant is a fine development and one that enhances its environment significantly. The school is presented to a very high standard being neatly painted and with colourful flower displays. Both the barracks and adjacent buildings are important focal points in the overall presentation of the village and it is good to note that they are to be refurbished.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Grass verges are nicely landscaped and feature seating. Seats, however, should be revarnished as necessary. If the land behind the new stone wall across the road from the barracks is not to be developed in the near term future then perhaps some trees could be planted behind this wall for added interest.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The abundance of trout in the Cross river is no doubt due to the work of the angling club. This is a fine achievement. Other wildlife projects might be identified for completion over the next few years. The goal under this category is to increase an awareness of the wildlife of the area and to integrate this awareness into the every day life of the village. It is suggested that the committee prepare a wildlife survey of the village and its hinterland and use it as a baseline study on which to build future projects under this heading. Roadside verges/field boundaries could feature a seasonal display of wildflowers if desired.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was quite good during adjudication; well done! Ensure that you maintain and build on this standard throughout the year.

## **TIDINESS**

It is good to note that the old school and old barracks are to be refurbished over the next two years. Be vigilant regarding weed growth along the base of walls and buildings together with the presentation of side and rear areas which can be viewed from the public domain.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A number of roadside boundary walls are in need of cleaning and/or painting and one or two gardens remain to be developed. The road down to the mill by 'Finneran's' is largely residential in character and looks well. Do let us know if there are plans for the redevelopment of the Mill at the bottom of the road and keep us up to date on progress. Residential properties on this road are generally well presented but some boundary walls need painting.

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

Well done on the construction of stone walls. A set of nameplates is suggested for all access points to the village on the public road, this gives the area a stronger identity in the minds of the travelling public. In the absence of nameplates and of having a clear idea of where Bealnamulla starts and ends the adjudication for this year was carried out from the speed limits at the Monksland road junction featuring the sign for Mount Alverna and extended to the Taghmaconnell junction. No doubt the hard shoulder along the wall of the Woodview Country Club will be resurfaced; in fact on adjudication it looked as though work was in progress on this matter. We look forward to the completion of roadworks on a third approach to Bealnamulla.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Bealnamulla is that it is a pleasant village but lacks a strong identity in the eyes of the travelling public. Therefore, it is essential that you determine the limits of the village and place nameplates accordingly at various locations.