

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KEADUE**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	39
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	31	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	22
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>220</b>

## **Keadue, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The ongoing care, dedication and love of the environment by the Keadue community is quite breathtaking. In addition to presenting its built environment to the highest standards the Keadue community have now turned to the natural environment and have displayed as much interest and love for wildlife and the natural environment has been spent on the village. Your achievements for this year are impressive and speak for themselves to even the most casual of visitors. Thank you for your completed application, sketch map and details of your wildlife project, we look forward to many repeat visits to your beautiful village, lake, woods and other amenity features.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The majority of properties were presented to a very high standard, well done! The challenge for the future now will be to maintain the standard that has been achieved. The butterfly motif on the gable wall of the Harp and Shamrock Lounge Bar property is a nice touch.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The numerous landscaped areas around the village are quite breathtaking in their presentation, maintenance and variety of species. They compliment beautifully the hinterland of rolling hills, lakes and wooded areas. No doubt the sportsfield development will be appropriately landscaped to it's roadside edge / entrances upon completion.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The report on the wildlife survey which was conducted by the Foroige club is impressive not only in it's content but also in the number of little anecdotes which give evidence to the pleasure that was experienced while conducting the survey. Whilst reading the report this pleasure is experienced by the reader also. There is no doubt that Keadue and it's immediate hinterland is rich in wildlife with it's great variety of both flora and fauna. The beauty of your wildlife heritage is in the way that it is being presented, quite simply and delicately without any sense of interference or disruption to the natural environment and the wildlife of the area. This is a grand achievement, well done! The discovery of the Court Tomb during the development of the nature trail is an exciting occurrence and of course the nation is the beneficiary. The resurfacing at the lake carpark together with the development of the picnic facilities is a welcome development, perhaps some indication could be given at the carpark of the duration / distance to be covered both to the Court Tomb and for the nature trail.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was excellent during adjudication with there being hardly any litter in evidence. Horse droppings were noted, however this is understandable given that the first adjudication took place on the day of the 'Pony Drive' event which started in Keadue so

allowances were made for this.

## **TIDINESS**

Well done on the presentation under this heading. The village can hardly be faulted in this regard.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Newly painted residential properties look well this year, completing the overall presentation of the built environment of Keadue. Only one property remains that is in need of attention and this was more than compensated for by the numerous flower displays on residential properties throughout the village.

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

All items of street furniture were well presented, well done. Entrances to the village from approach roads were presented to a high standard as was the traffic island / green area on the Boyle road. Stone roads are being neatly presented, being kept free of weed growth and featuring young trees behind which are maturing well. One of the signposts was obscured by roadside hedgerow.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Keadue is one of excellence. There is no area under which the village can be seriously faulted. The community of Keadue obviously care deeply about their environment and communicate this to visitors. Good luck with all your future plans.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (5/8/97)**

The approaches to the village were again neat and tidy, just as the amenity areas in the village centre. Most buildings had been freshly painted. It is important that all back areas, especially where visited by the public, including visitors, are kept to the high standard associated with the front areas. The toilets and general environs behind St. Rowan's Hall could be improved. There was a direction sign at the side of the hall to these toilets which effectively invited inspection. The abundance of window stickers on several shopfronts was regrettable as such detract greatly from the fine work (in most cases) invested in frontages. The neat road surfacing created a good impression although it tended to show up the areas of cracked paving. The stone wall up the mountain road was particularly admired.