

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BUNNINADDEN**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	20
The Built Environment	40	17	15
Landscaping	40	19	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	18
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	143	139

Bunninadden, Co Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The approach taken by the Bunninadden Development Group to the Tidy Towns Competition is on a small scale and some improvements have been carried out since last year. This year Bunninadden was expected to send in a development plan outlining the tidy towns activities to be undertaken by the committee over the next 3/5 years. If this was done it would focus the group's attention in an organised manner as to how progress can be achieved. The village enhancement scheme has certainly improved the overall appearance of the village and a concerted effort by the community could certainly improve Bunninadden's ranking in the National Tidy Towns Competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Community hall has been painted with a nice well laid out car park and pavement. The wall near the Church still needs painting. The Church and grounds are eye-catching. A nice wall, tree planting, floral displays, lovely street lamps, and well maintained railings at McDonagh monument were noted. The Miller's Inn looked well (nice flower boxes). The convenience Store with its hanging baskets; Perry's Village Inn also looked well. Some hanging baskets and flower tubs would not go amiss here. The Garda Station is also worthy of comment, but the gardens need attention. The display of gas cylinders on the pavement outside the Post Office is a practice which should not be continued.

LANDSCAPING

As mentioned last year, apart from the Church grounds, there are very few trees to be seen. Some tree planting opposite the Community Hall behind the concrete fence is one suggestion as is the wide expanse of paving near the phone box. Approach roads could also do with some tree planting.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is no proposal included in your report under this heading. A start could be made here by identifying wildlife habitats in the environs of Bunninadden and also the flora and fauna of the area. If you need help in identifying wildlife habitats why not invite local environmental experts to advise you on how this can be done. As suggested in last year's report this could be a project for local school children.

LITTER CONTROL

The village centre was virtually free of litter on adjudication day. Litter, however, is very noticeable on all approach roads.

TIDINESS

The green verges opposite the community hall need attention. Grass was growing on footpaths and verges on the Achonry approach. Weeds and grass were growing on the footpath on the Tubbercurry approach. The centre of the village had a neat and

tidy appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The small houses at Willie Gormley Villas were all brightly painted and cheerful. The grass at the green area had been cut, but the grass cuttings need to be removed. There is a very well presented house on the left as you turn into the Tubbercurry road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads in general were poorly presented. Verges were unkempt and there was lots of litter. The Ballymote approach is spoiled by an untidy house and garden on the right, dumping and flyposting. There are rusty gates and more dereliction as you get nearer town. There are more rusty gates on the road past the Post Office and there is dereliction beside the Post Office. The Tubbercurry approach has a nicely painted wall on the right. The poles for "Slow Through Village" signs need repainting as does the large pole beside it. There are a lot of untidy yards on this approach. The old stone flower bed with the celtic cross is badly in need of attention. Poor verges, derelict sheds and litter do not enhance this entrance to Bunninadden.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Well done to Bunninadden. A good effort this year particularly in the village centre. Approach roads and dereliction are a problem. Complete your 3/5 year Development Plan and continue with your good work.