

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COLLOONEY**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23	23
The Built Environment	40	17	17
Landscaping	40	19	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	12	12
Tidiness	20	9	6
Residential Areas	30	11	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	16
General Impression	10	3	4
TOTAL MARK	300	122	122

Collooney, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Sadly, Collooney appears to be in the doldrums regarding this year's Tidy Towns Competition. But on the positive side a by-pass is being built and there is a lot of work going on in the town and around it. Entering the competition provides a sense of continuity and hopefully a bright future awaits Collooney in the years ahead. No development plans or map are available. We look forward to a new beginning in 1998 - a revitalised Tidy Towns Committee, a new development plan, and much more involvement from the local community. Thanks are due to the committee for their sterling efforts over the years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are some lovely buildings in Collooney which attract the eye. Most notably the Catholic Church with its fine spire and shrubby bed. St Paul's Church of Ireland with its well kept graveyards and the Methodist Church were favourably noted. However, plastic signage still abounds in the main street, despite the suggestion in last year's report that these be replaced. Keegans was well presented as were the Post Office, P. Cullen, Basil Higgins and Johnni Mac (nice traditional fronts). The Pharmacy and the Irish Permanent are also worthy of mention in this regard. The school building opposite the Church of Ireland badly needs a coat of paint as does the other school in the vicinity. The Railway Station was reasonably well presented. However, the remarks in last year's report still apply. The Convent National School was extremely attractive, with brightly painted flowerbeds and well kept grounds. Innisfree Crystal was very well presented.

LANDSCAPING

There were very few floral hanging baskets or tubs to be seen in Collooney. At the top end of the Main Street there are two fine shrubbery beds. Some nice flowers were noted on the A.I.B Building, there was a nice floral display (getting overgrown) at Collooney Auto Parts and Riverside Motors also have large floral tubs. There are many open neglected green areas. The Teeling Monument on the Sligo approach is getting overgrown (sad).

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No projects have been carried out under this heading. There are many opportunities afforded by Collooney, namely the bridge, the river and its environs for wildlife habitats.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was very evident in nearly all sections of the town. It was most prevalent on the approach roads, some sections

of the main street, the Teeling Monument, in the housing estates and in some car parks. This is a problem which the Committee will have to place high on its priority list.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the town is marred by the ongoing work in relation to the construction of the By Pass. Some nice stone walls are being built, particularly on the Boyle approach so next year should show a big improvement. As already stated there are some very unkempt green areas both in the main street and on the old Tubbercurry approach. The James McMahan Building Yard beside Innisfree Crystal is a poor introduction to the town. Compliments to the lovely houses and gardens opposite McMahons.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The presentation of housing estates is extremely mixed. The estates in the vicinity of St. Joseph's National School in general are poor. Most private houses are well presented, i.e. the houses on the left hand side of the Tubbercurry approach.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are generally in a poor state of presentation. Grass is growing on footpaths on the Sligo approach and can be seen growing wild on concrete verges. This also applies in the town. Major improvements can be expected for next year with the expected completion of the By Pass.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

When construction works are completed next year it will give the citizens of Collooney the time and opportunity to prepare development plans to improve its image and to reinstate pride of place in themselves. We look forward to the transformation.