

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GRANGE**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	27
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	173	171

Grange, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thanks are due to the Committee for the returning the questionnaire and the map. However, for this year's competition a simple plan to guide your Tidy Town activities over the next few years was also required. We would hope that this will be forthcoming certainly for next year. Please refer to page 11 of the Tidy Towns Booklet. One can certainly see that work has been done over the past year. However, it has not been carried out in a planned way with the result that whilst some areas have received attention, noticeably stone walls and in particular St Molaise Park, others have not, particularly the replacement of litter bins. Dereliction is still a problem.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many of the business premises and public buildings were extremely well presented. J. Water's, John Lang's and P. Barry's with its nice seating are worthy of comment. The Tile Centre was well presented (fence will need repair) as were Willie's Restaurant, Sligo Crystal, Sligo Aluminium, McGowan's Kitchens and Cloonty's. The Church and grounds were exemplary and the school grounds also looked well. The Vocational School is nicely presented; however, the railings need attention. Dereliction is a problem; buildings beside Barry's as last year, spoil the view of Grange as you enter the Village from Sligo. The derelict buildings on the way to Pine Grove do not help the appearance of Grange either. The remarks regarding this subject in last year's report are still relevant.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping at St Molaise Park is excellent. The flower beds at the monument are very attractive as is the development of a walk at the bridge and the tree planting at the southern end of the park. More shrubbery beds and floral displays would enhance the park considerably as would extra picnic tables. As the Grange River runs through the Village an extended river walk might be a good idea. There was a considerable amount of litter to be seen at the Northern section of the park beside the bridge. Beware of grass growing on walls and footpaths. The display of tubs and window boxes in the centre of the village is a credit to all concerned. The flower beds at the village Name Plates are very good, as are the shrubbery beds on the Sligo road.

WILDLIFE & NATURAL AMENITIES

There are two wildlife sanctuaries specified in your map. Both of these areas seem ideal for this type of development, although the area beside the river appears to be preferable. It could in effect become part of your riverside walk. As

already stated the river and its environs should play a part in the overall development of the village.

LITTER CONTROL

This is very evident of the approach roads to Grange. The village itself was virtually free of litter; however, small pockets of it were evident here and there. There is some dumping to be seen on the road at the back of the Church. Litter is also noticeable in St Molaises Park. There is an excellent litter bin on the left hand side of the main street. Some of the others are past their sell by date and need to be replaced.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of the village centre is one of tidiness. However, as last year, dereliction is still a problem. Tree planting is most attractive; however, grass needs to be kept under control. The goal posts in the school football field need attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the houses, particularly on the Bundoran approach, are extremely well presented. Lovely lawns, nice floral displays and brightly painted houses. Many of the houses at Pine Grove are extremely well presented, an example for all the others. The stone extension to the house at the entrance to Pine Grove with its lovely garden and stonework is exemplary. The green area is also very presentable. The nice estate of houses on the road behind the Church was also noted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were all reasonably well presented. The Sligo approach is marred by the poor fences, neglected green area and poor forecourts. The Bundoran road has some nice shrubbery beds on the left hand side; however, litter is evident here and some verges need attention. The shop on the right is rather untidy with the large selection of gas cylinders on display. Some nice stone walls were noted; while the G.A.A. pitch and goalpost looked well, the entrance is very untidy with the nameplate of the Park lying on the ground. The road behind the Church needs attention as does the road to the Sports Centre (gates need freshening up). Nice walls were noted on the road to Pine Grove (well done). As mentioned in last year's report, traffic calming would be advantageous to the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A good effort by Grange this year. Have your Development Plan provided for next year.