

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULLAGHMORE**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	24
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	20	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	174	168

Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your proposed Area Action Plan drawn up in conjunction with Sligo County Council is a blueprint for the future. It highlights the major developments which Mullaghmore requires such as the sewage scheme, the harbour plan (including a new Promenade), the upgrading of services and the maintaining of proper planning controls. Together with the Village enhancement section of the plan it augurs well for the prospects of Mullaghmore in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the questionnaire and the map.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the commercial premises are presented to a very high standard. The Beach Hotel with its lovely hanging baskets and picnic tables is one example. Eithna's with its flower tubs and seating, looked well. Pier Head House and the shop beside Eithna's had a bright colourful appearance. The Convent also looked well with its nicely painted boundary wall. The shop beside the telephone kiosk has a good appearance, spoilt somewhat by the drab building beside it even with its window boxes. The remarks regarding the traditional style wooden gates in last year's report still apply.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping of Mullaghmore is outstanding. The excellent flower bed on the Cliffoney approach sets the tone. Next is the nice shrubbery bed before you enter the Village and then we have that wonderful Village Green with its colourful flower beds, seating and wooden litter bins overlooking its most precious asset - the Harbour. The two picnic areas on the way to Classiebawn Castle are extremely well presented with nice stone surrounds planted with a colourful flower display and seating. What a glorious view to assist your appetite. There is also a nice green area with flower beds beside the Convent. Some of the private roads mentioned in your report should follow this example. The car park with the Beach's Blue Flag looked well although litter was visible here. Nice treeplanting was noted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your remarks are noted regarding preserving wildlife in the commonage area and wooded area, but as remarked in last year's report your beautiful Blue Flag Beach is in an area to looked after and watched over carefully. Bunduff Lake being declared a nature reserve is a good idea.

LITTER CONTROL

Unfortunately, Mullaghmore was not a litter free zone on adjudication day. Some litter was very noticeable on the village green. Two of the excellent litter bins were completely full and some litter was scattered about the main street. This problem requires attention every day and the Committee requires to be ever vigilant in this regard.

TIDINESS

The centre of the village had an extremely tidy appearance. However, there are some problem areas. The boat trailers as mentioned last year are still located beside the picnic area. As requested last year they should be removed and the wall should be repainted. The condition of some of the private roads is disappointing. Poor road surfaces give an uncared for appearance. Some public roads also present the same appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the houses on the approach roads are extremely well presented. The houses on the road with the picnic area are lovely, with wooden gates, stone walls and some nice designs. The new one being built here will certainly enhance the appearance of Mullaghmore. Most of the houses on the Breffni Road looked reasonably well. The houses on the high road are worthy of comment. As last year, Anchor Cottage and the Den set the standard here. The restored schoolhouse past the Beach Hotel looked well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Bundoran approach was extremely attractive. All the verges were mown and the entire area is set off by the magnificent stone wall on the right. Name Plates with floral displays looked very well. The approach from Classiebawn Castle on the lower road is most attractive with sea views and picnic area. As already stated, Breffni Road needs attention. The verges are in poor condition as is the road surface, and grass is getting out of control. There is building work ongoing on the road up past the Beach Hotel. Hopefully, next year this should be an added enhancement to the village. Two untidy neglected sheds on this road need attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your Action Plan should help you in your endeavours. All future developments in Mullaghmore should involve the entire community. Watch the litter. Keep up the good work.