

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BEALNAMULLA**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	27	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	180	172

Bealnamulla, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and ordnance map. This was useful but you still need to prepare a proper development plan and submit this with next year's entry. The first thing which should have attention is signage especially name plates for the village. These could be done by the provision of a stone sign to fit in with the stone walls. Unable to find any information signs at all even on the P.O. When you have the boundaries of the village established you should think of traffic calming. The street lighting could also be improved and wires ducted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Mill Bar looks very well and it is good to see the continuing development. The newly tarmacadamed car park, landscaping and seating looks good. Hopefully the overflow car park will be similarly treated in time and the builders rubble and old ESB poles removed. The school is well maintained and the window boxes look good. The old barracks is now being refurbished and its stonework looks very good. When building work is completed and the resultant rubble cleaned up this should be a nice addition to the village.

LANDSCAPING

A lot of nice work done here. Green areas, seating, flower and shrub displays look good and are well maintained. The stone walls are very impressive and the new stone surrounded flower beds fit in nicely with these. Well done !

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No evidence of these facilities. The river could be a good feature but the vegetation on banks would need to be cut back and rubble, such as the old gate, removed. No evidence of the Mass Rock - not possible to find. Some wildflowers were in evidence but a lot of grass verges need cutting. The old graveyard could also be tidied up and made a feature.

LITTER CONTROL

Very good, except for the river, but perhaps you might provide more litter bins to ensure that it stays that way.

TIDINESS

Generally good but watch for weeds at base of walls, at stone copings, at entrance to school gate and by exterior walls. A lot of builders rubble around, some of it essential because of ongoing

works but perhaps some of it could be removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Well maintained and gardens are looking good. Obviously residents have a good commitment to improving their area.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Verges need to be cut back especially on road by side of Mt. Alverna Guest House. These are hiding potentially nice stone walls though some repair of these would be necessary. Weeds behind walls should be cut back to wall height.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Pleasant village with a lot of potential but why keep it hidden?