

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KEADUE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	25
Litter Control	40	36	34
Tidiness	20	16	14
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	241	231

Keadue, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Keadue is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed entry form, outline map and outline plan detailing work being undertaken for 1998 and beyond. The commitment by the community of Keadue to its village is very obvious to any visitor to Keadue. Keadue, on adjudication day, was full of colour and easy on the eye. It is good to see you look beyond the village boundaries, while not forgetting the village itself, with your work on the wildlife and natural amenities of the area, keep up the good work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It would appear the majority of property owners have painted and adorned their houses with flowers boxes and baskets. The underground ducting of the remaining overhead cabling in the village environs is noted and encouraged. Now the challenge is to ensure that the standard achieved to date is maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The presentation of the landscaping is to a high standard, varied, colourful, with seasonal and year round plants and shrubs well done. It is important that the sports field area, while planting has taken place, be monitored and completed to a high standard similar to the rest of the village. Perhaps a stone wall in this area might be considered along the main road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The natural amenity and wildlife area provided at Lough Meelagh is impressive and looked very well on adjudication day, well laid out with a suitable information board and signage. It was noted that work was ongoing in the area bordering the car park and picnic area which should facilitate the proper development of the area and assist the growth of the trees, flora and fauna and additional wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

No litter was in evidence, excellent work by all concerned.

TIDINESS

The village looked very well, with the mix of water fountains, landscaping and the presentation of its buildings it is a credit to the community. Areas for the storage of beer kegs should be screened off from view or alternatively storage at side of properties should be discontinued.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties were well presented, freshly painted with floral displays. It is good to see new houses being built in Keadue ensuring the continuance of rural village life. When built, it is important that the frontages of the houses are suitably completed to correspond with the street or roadscape.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads looked well, stone walls were well presented and repairs to walls noted. Street furniture and traffic islands were all well maintained and looked well. The planting of whitethorns and alder trees on the Drumshanbo and Carrick on Shannon roads are noted. The cutting back of the hedges on the mountain road above the new housing development, while outside the village area, should be considered at least as far as the intersection at the corner. The Park in the centre of the village was well presented and maintained, a fine amenity and a credit to Keadue.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A pleasure to visit, obviously the majority of the community are dedicated to supporting and working hard to ensure the high standard of presentation of Keadue, both for themselves and for the visitor to their village. Keep up the good work and we look forward to our next visit.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (08/08/98)

The standard of presentation of Keadue on the second adjudication day was very high indeed! The approach roads were well maintained and the simply presented water-pumps with their stone wall surrounds on each side of the village were admired, as was the traditional square signage the retention of which is commendable. The landscaped areas throughout the village were beautifully maintained especially the O'Carolan Park and an incidental landscaped space opposite with its bog oak sculptures which were of particular note. Another attractive incidental space was that behind the B&B with its colourful rockery. The wonderfully cheerful hanging baskets and window boxes to the very fresh cottages beside the O'Carolan Park were admired. However, the adjacent house in its prominent position at the top of the street looked quite grubby in contrast. The relatively new trees were coming along nicely and the Hall was very fresh. The village looked very cheerful with its bunting and flags for the O'Carolan Festival. Indeed the town was remarkably neat and tidy given that it was the festival time. It was virtually litter free apart from some papers strewn in the vicinity of the sweat house in O'Carolan Park. This was particularly unfortunate as it was directly beside the litter bin. Minor points of improvement were the profusion of stickers in shop windows as mentioned by last year's adjudicator and the litter previously mentioned. The Credit Union should also be freshened up before next year. Congratulations on a marvellous

effort all round!