

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MALIN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	43
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	18
Litter Control	40	37	39
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	34
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	251	248

Malin, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Congratulations on not only maintaining your exceptionally high mark, but also on adding to it - chiefly through initiatives in the Wildlife category: this should be pursued strenuously during the coming year and a report on progress given in the 2000 entry form. You have kept your position at the head of a county which has a higher than average number of entries.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The chief buildings were exceptionally well looked after as usual. Though replacement of railings and gate at the Church was noted on the entry form, it did not seem to be the case on adjudication day - perhaps the work will be done in time for a second adjudication if there is one. The sign writing on the Garage has almost completely faded; the new sign writing in the neo-Celtic style on the Hotel was much admired.

LANDSCAPING

The new planting at St Patrick's Hall and by the river beside Brookfield, is another improvement. The green in the Diamond is a joy - and it is good to see that the temptation to break it up with flower beds has been largely resisted.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The designation of Trawbrega Bay as a Special Protection Area is a major advance. The extensive list of bird species and numbers makes absorbing reading. You should be sure to capitalise on this development in the way you suggest on the entry form by providing information for visitors, and opportunities for study in schools.

LITTER CONTROL

This was not quite as good as usual, though adjudication day may have been an isolated exception, and the subject will be looked at again at second adjudication.

TIDINESS

Malin was, once again, very tidy. There was some weed growth on the east side of the park at St Patrick's Hall - surprising, when one considers how weed-free the area is. Dereliction, though present, is confined.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses in the Diamond were looking very neat indeed. The Brookfield estate must be one of the best kept in the country - congratulations to the residents. The newly whitewashed boundary walls were very favourably noted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The annual whitewashing of walls throughout the Village is a time-consuming and expensive task, and once again it was carried out in an exemplary way. The upgrading of the fencing and verges on the Lag Road is another major improvement. 'backs' and 'entries' referred to as unkempt in the past seemed to have been tidied up.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is little to add to what has been said many times before, other than to congratulate the members of this small and highly dedicated committee, and the householders of Malin, on their remarkable achievement.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (13/08/99)

It was a pleasure to arrive in Malin just as the rain clouds lifted and sun began to glisten on the water and freshly white washed walls. Improvements since this adjudicator's last visit two years ago were quite apparent. However, details such as heaps of screenings and sand at St. Patrick's Hall together with untidy yards/forecourts here and there throughout the village are significant. A major litter black spot was in the vicinity of a skip in the hotel carpark, this would appear to be a temporary blot on the landscape. On the other-hand all the fresh paint, neatly mown grass and new planting created an excellent impression. It is suggested that a tree might be planted in the corner at the left of the entrance to the sports field at Brookfield.