

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CALTRA**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	30	28
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	27	29
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	197	194

Caltra, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It was noted from your application form that you were disappointed with the marks given last year after all your efforts, but marks are not given lightly and only on work completed. Caltra is improving and this year's mark reflects this, so do keep up the good work. Thank you for the map which was very useful. In relation to item 3 anti-litter signs there were two in close proximity on the approach road from Ballinasloe, but none as the map states on the road from Galway.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church looked well, but the wall of the G.A.A. grounds requires painting. Madden's was photographed for entry into the traditional shop-front award. The 'Weighbridge' project was not completed, work needed to be finalised around the scale itself and a suitable sign erected. Even with the map, this project was difficult to find. The building beside the 'Weighbridge' with the red corrugated roof needs to be improved.

LANDSCAPING

Tree planting is admirable. The Grotto looks well, but was not considered for an award and the surrounding grass needed cutting and litter was in evidence. The raised bed opposite the Grotto has nice shrubs, but requires weeding.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Involving the school children is a great idea. With regard to fishing stands and restoration of the river at Cloonpee, there was no evidence of this on day of visit, but the adjudicator is looking forward to seeing it next year.

LITTER CONTROL

Despite all your efforts there was litter in evidence, near Grotto, in front of the Burmah station on the approach road. The G.A.A. grounds had an overflowing bin and litter scattered around the car park.

TIDINESS

The forecourt of the G.A.A. grounds was not tidy. The side and rear yard of the Burmah station, the small slated shed near Keary's, despite the nice landscaping there, needed to be tidied.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Caltra has some beautifully kept houses and those behind the Grotto were all well presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Very good surface. Noted the widening of the Mountbellew Road, where the verges are still in a rough state. Nice stone walls abound and the verges in the village were nicely trimmed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Caltra is an attractive little village where the local community is making a great effort. Do not despair if you feel progress is slow, you are improving every year.