

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ORANMORE**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	21	22
Landscaping	40	22	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	23	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>160</b>

## Oranmore, County Galway

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The committee has produced a very pragmatic and feasible development plan. In identifying the various items and area for development the committee has given itself a sense of direction and time during which the elements of the plan will fall into place. It is only in this context that the upset of current pipe laying works can be accommodated and seen as a temporary upset to your ongoing progress.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church is well presented with tidy lawns and an attractive display of trees. The feature building is McDonaghs thatched pub, which is full of character. It is a pity that some of the premises opposite McDonaghs are untidily presented as this is really the focal point of the village. The Oranmore Lodge is an impressive modern structure and certainly represents a strong statement of confidence in the future of the village. On the day of inspection the Castle had heaps of gravel along its entrance. It is a very impressive feature and when construction works are completed in the vicinity, it will become one of the village's major attractions. Work on the old church was ongoing.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The village is suffering from upset due to the pipe laying which has a detrimental affect on landscaping. There are attractive if isolated landscaping works such as the flower beds at village entry road signs, and the building of new walls. The amenity park on the left hand side on the Clarinbridge road bears scars of recent road works and the park to the right with its flower bed and sign has to compete with the storage of pipes for the ongoing pipe laying operation.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The committee has acknowledged the opportunity offered by the wetlands surrounding Oranmore. It is hoped that the completion of the coastal walk will create the base for the sensitively controlled development of the wildlife and natural amenities in this part of the village.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

While there is little evidence of litter along the main road through the village, the disturbance caused by the pipe laying leaves a residue of dust and associated debris. The adjudicator was disappointed to note again the levels of litter on the Castle road.

### **TIDINESS**

There is a lot of kerb side weed on approach roads from Galway (Coast Road), and Clarinbridge. Traffic levels are still quite heavy and the street car parking does not help village presentation. The creamery premises on the Clarinbridge side should be screened with trees.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

By and large, the residential areas around the village are well presented. There are quite a large number of new houses and estates and they are tastefully designed and constructed. An unusually high number are offering B and B, which has led to higher quality construction if a little proliferation of b and b signage.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

There is some excellent work ongoing, e.g. rebuilding of walls and the construction of the coastal walk. However, the movement of heavy goods vehicles and construction machinery associated with the pipe laying work has left badly damaged road surfaces.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Oranmore has had a difficult year to contend with, because of the major road works taking place. However it is gratifying to see that despite its difficulties, the committee has taken the longterm approach and there is little doubt that the future for Oranmore looks very good indeed.