

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RENMORE**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	28	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	25	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	15	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	164	--

Renmore, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Renmore Residents Association is to be congratulated on its environmental initiative. What started as a litter 'clean up' project has expanded into other areas of environmental concern which has effectively improved community life in the Renmore area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Renmore Barracks was not included in adjudication.

There is no particular architectural style of consequence displayed in the housing estates which form Renmore. However, buildings to catch attention were the two churches, one near the Barrack Gate, the second on Renmore Avenue. Both were impeccable in their presentation with tidy lawns, shrubs and or car park. The swimming pool on Renmore Avenue looked well cared for with modern clean lines and litter free car park. The sports centre particularly, and the scout hall were disappointing and need to be freshened up.

LANDSCAPING

Renmore is noted for its numerous green areas and in most cases these were exceptionally well presented. There is regular use of flower beds at the corners of most of the greens and at other focus points such as the bridges and main entrances to the estate. These work well but there is somewhat of a repetitive use of this measure to improve impact. It is suggested that the grouping of a variety of tree species might form a focus which in the medium and long term would be in scale with the two storey buildings. The use of flower bed combinations with sculpture might also be considered. That said there are some excellent displays specifically at Mellows Park, Dun Na Mara Drive, the embankment at Arbutus, the corner of Renmore Road and Renmore Avenue, and the Fairy Fort at Whiethorn Close.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The wildlife and natural amenities associated with Renmore are located along the waterfront at Lough Atalia, the hedgerows and open area below Fuchsia Park. The important aspect of wildlife and natural amenities is not only to create the environment, but also to produce interpretation so that its value is recognised. Might be a project for schools?

LITTER CONTROL

The emphasis the Renmore Residents Association have placed on litter control is clearly having effect. On adjudication day. There was virtually no litter to be seen and the 'litter free area' signs, litter bins, and recycling facilities close to the Swimming pool presented a continuous reminder of the community pride in this matter. There was the odd litter deposit noticed at Woodlands Green and Murrroughs Avenue, but this was clearly an exception. Your performance in regard to litter control is a matter of

record and you are to be congratulated in this regard.

TIDINESS

There was some kerb weed along Renmore Road. The walls of the sports centre, the railings at the school, and the bases of trees in this area had grass weed growth. There was some graffiti on the ESB transformer on Dun na Mara Drive, and the car park surface at the shopping centre on Renmore Road is broken.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Comments under the built environment apply

ROAD, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Comments under landscaping apply. The presentation of the water pump at the end of Ballyloughan Road could be improved.

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS

Renmore has a very committed residents association which is driving a community environmental programme which benefits all residents. In all but the odd exception they are receiving good support from their members. One note of concern is the increasing use of tarmac cover in garden areas. It is a pity to see this option for 'concrete jungle' response when so much is being done by the association to benefit from the pleasures of natural environment.