

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MULRANNY**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>173</b>

## **Mulranny, County Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

At first glance Mulranny village appears to be a simple line of buildings strung out along a main road that hardly warrants a stop. On further investigations, it is such a pleasure to find that the village has such wonderful natural amenities as a beautiful strand, golf links and a small pier and harbour area. There are some excellent views both out of the village to across the bay and into the village from the strand and the harbour. The village is very tidy and there has been some excellent work done by the County Council. The road connecting the strand with the Pier appears to have been resurfaced in recent years and indeed on-going work appears to be in progress here. Thank you for your completed application, however your comments regarding the causeway and erosion of same were not easy to understand and so there can be no comment on this.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There appears to be redevelopment to a derelict building. The canopy of the ESSO garage needs to be repaired. Aspects of the Campbells Tavern and Takeaway need to be touched up. The carpark opposite could be resurfaced also. Both the Centra and the Top Garage look well. What appears to be the Parish Hall could do with being refurbished, this is located behind new Holiday Homes development. The sign on the main road for the Parish Hall could also be refurbished.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Flower tubs need to be more profusely planted to have a strong visual impact. The junction of the N59 and Achill Sound could feature sculpture piece or landscaping. Choose shrubs for seasonal interest and trees rather than flower displays. Always favour native species.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The beach is being kept beautifully clean and litter free and the picnic area is particularly appealing. The litter bins could be replaced by more attractive bins, (these are concrete whitewashed bins). The public toilets look well also. A wildlife project could be undertaken, preferably one that will involve the participation of many sections of the community. Your Tidy Towns Handbook is an excellent source of ideas, advice and guidelines for wildlife projects.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was generally good throughout the village with the exception of the area around Cowley's Cottage. A litter

bin was noted here so some other strategy will have to be developed.

## **TIDINESS**

The carpark beside the Top Garage presents a problem under this heading, it needs to be resurfaced, there is a lot of weed growth and a lot of bits and pieces of questionable value lying around. The storage of beer barrels beside Doherty's Lounge Bar could be a bit more orderly. A site which looks as though it might be in the course of development located at the signpost for the Parish Hall looks untidy, are there plans for its further development? The road leading up to the parish hall is untidy in sections with old building materials and other bits and pieces. A few outbreaks of weed growth were noted down at the pier.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The holiday village is a pleasant development, however weed growth along kerbs is rampant in this area and spoils it to a certain extent. The majority of private dwellings looked well.

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

The profuse display of wildflowers (Buttercups, Oxeyedaisies, Montebretia and Ferns) together with flowering hedgerow, Fuchsia, Rhododendron and others is a delightful introduction to Mulranny and is complemented beautifully by top quality road surface and footpaths, all of which were weed free and, of course, pothole and crack free. The overall effect is to give a very favourable impression of Mulranny to the travelling public. Work in progress was noted at a few locations and we look forward to its completion. The hand painted namestones look well. Mulranny must be a very dangerous village in which to live as the main street is quite narrow and there are no footpaths, so there is no place for the pedestrian in this village. Pedestrian access paths to the beach must always be kept free of overgrowth and made as safe as possible for young children. Could these be made wheelchair friendly and pram friendly, they look a little on the steep side and one can envisage young children taking many falls walking down. The approach from the Ballycroy road is quite magnificent with its lush vegetation and rocky outcrops.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

As noted above traffic through the village together with the lack of a footpath in the centre of the village do not create a favourable impression of Mulranny, however on closer acquaintance the village has a lot to offer.