

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KEADUE**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	34	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	38	36
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	31
General Impression	10	9	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>241</b>

## **Keadue, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for sight of your three year plan, which commenced in 1997. It is unfortunate that you were affected by storm damage and it is appreciated that it will take some time to put this right. However, keep up the good work, as what has been achieved to date is very good. It is good to know too that you are working so closely with so many statutory and local bodies.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

First impressions very good as all approach roads are tended and there are some nice stone walls, with ongoing work on other stone walls. The main area looks well now that wires and lines are ducted. The school and public buildings are well maintained and the O'Carolan Park is very attractive and it was nice to see wheelchair access to it. The sign to the sweat house seems to be pointing in the wrong direction, but this is easily put right. The window frames and ledges on the houses on either side of the Park need repainting/repairing and the perimeter wall of one house needs painting. The new sewerage plant is a good addition - well done! The road from Boyle is badly surfaced but improvement work seems to be taking place on the pavements there so it is hoped this will impact on the whole area. The new pavements look good but those from the Credit Union Building to McCabe's still require attention. The additions to the proposed hall and conference centre are in progress and, when completed, this should be a very useful addition to the area.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Several attractive/plant flower features throughout the town and these are well maintained. The use of native trees throughout the area is noted. It is good to know that you intend to continue with this programme and the trees already planted are maturing well. It is nice too that you are featuring wildflowers on the approach road to the lake.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Lough Meelagh is a very attractive feature and the discovery of the court tomb will be a good asset when it becomes accessible again. During the inspection visit it was not possible to visit this due to storm damage (fallen trees, etc). Until this had been put right the sign should either be taken down or amended and, when the tomb becomes accessible again, it might be possible to give some idea of the distance to it from the roadway to facilitate the casual passerby. The building of the new slipway is underway and no doubt the car park surface will be attended to on completion of this work.

The wildlife notice is attractive and informative but the sign for the Crannog, which is weather-stained, should be replaced. Unfortunately the swans, ducks etc. did not 'show' during the visit but it is good to know that you are feeding them and also looking after the fox, the red squirrels and the corncrake - particularly since the latter two species are in short supply now. The abbey and O'Carolan Grave are also good features in the area. The signage in the main street to the Miner's Way and Historical Trail are tasteful and functional. The examination of possible new archaeological sites sounds exciting and, hopefully, this will prove positive.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

No litter in evidence. This can only be due to a concerned community effort. Well done!

### **TIDINESS**

Garda Station is now painted. Some other houses still need attention such as the one on the Carrick Road - we appreciate your problems relative to this. Keep up the good work of trying to eliminate any weak spots. The resurfacing of the church grounds when it takes place will also make a difference.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A lot of work on individual houses and gardens taking place during visit - well done to all concerned.

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

Some weedkiller treatment on verge on Drumshanbo Road is unsightly. Most areas are well kept but, as already stated, some resurfacing of roads is needed.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A very attractive town and the community seems to be understandably proud of it, and it shows! Keep up the good work.

### **SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/99)**

Congratulations on another fine presentation this year. Keadue and Lough Meelagh looked magnificent on the evening of second adjudication. The village was as litter free as we have come to expect and the landscaping is maturing nicely. It was good to note that the nature trail at Lough Meelagh had been reinstated after the storm damage and is taking a different route closer to the lake. Some painting to properties was in progress on the evening of the second adjudication; one or two buildings have yet to be painted. The

Credit Union still looks a little weatherstained. Well done on an excellent overall presentation. Newly developed footpaths have been noted. One petrol pump could be cleaned. The water pump out the Carrick road might be refurbished as it has some nice features. We look forward to the development of the O'Carolan Resource Centre.