

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BREAGHWY**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	14
Litter Control	40	21	19
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	171	162

Breaghwy (Breaffy), County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your comprehensive responses to the questionnaire and detailed submission in relation to the proposed millennium garden and fountain. This should be a fine amenity for both resident and visitor alike. Do try to formulate a three to five year work programme for next year outlining your overall plans for the village. Your six strong committee is obviously a dedicated one and much civic pride is shown by the residents of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings of the village looked well cared for on adjudication day. The fine modern church with its stone wall entrance area and well-landscaped grounds was greatly admired, as was the adjacent grotto. The Community Centre was quite fresh with window boxes filled with red geraniums. The school looked well cared for and its landscaping to the front and side areas looked magnificent. However, the tarmacadamed rear area looked rather bare and would benefit from a landscaping proposal. The Post Office looked quite charming – the building opposite is mentioned in last year's report, could be freshly painted before next year's competition as indeed could the Shamrock Bar, although the latter was in far better condition.

LANDSCAPING

Work to the green was obviously still in progress but work was underway. Its theme depicting life in the village over the years is a fine one. The grotto was well maintained. The grounds to the church and school looked most attractive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Do get the local school children involved – perhaps they could put together a map indicating the wildlife habitats in their locality. Your wildlife board to the green is a good idea although it had yet to be put in place. Breaffy is indeed fortunate in this aspect of the competition having as it does a wealth of mature gardens and grounds.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day was very good, although some was apparent on the Balla Road near a junction, a few minor spots at the landscaped green area, at the National School gates and at the entrance to the Breaffy House Hotel.

TIDINESS

Weed control was a problem on the day. The boundary wall to the rear of the school had obviously been sprayed with weed killer but the dead weeds had yet to be removed. More weeding is necessary to the area to the front boundary wall.

The shed with the curved roof on the Balla Road would benefit from a fresh coat of paint in a traditional red colour to give it a more cheerful appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses of the village were generally in good condition on the day, although some boundary walls were in need of attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The welcome signs either side of the village were greatly admired. Along the Balla Road the grass verges had been well cut back. However, the Castlebar road was rather more overgrown and not maintained to the same standard. The stone wall surround and planted bed to the stone village nameplate sign on this side of the village were greatly admired.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The attractive village of Breaffy is an unusual one mixing the formal with the informal and maintaining a sleepy, gentle, peaceful atmosphere despite its location so close to the main Castlebar Road.