

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>176</b>

## **Mulranny, County Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Your remark in relation to the roadworks impeding your three to five year plan was confusing! If you have a work plan then do ensure that you submit it each year with your application, if not then you really should consider putting one together. It need only be two or three pages long outlining your targets for village improvements and a time frame for their achievement.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The standard of public and commercial premises of the village was very good considering the possible problems associated with the marine environment. The beautifully whitewashed thatched cottages of Carroll's & Cowley's looked quite charming. Although Centra was quite fresh, Spar was stained with green algae. Campbell's Tavern was suffering from the same misfortune, particularly to the gable. Their plastic signs should be replaced with ones of a more traditional timber variety. The boundary wall to the car park opposite was badly in need of a paint also. The Post office was quite fresh and the charming plaster and sandstone church was admired – painting was obviously in progress on the day as the facade was half painted! The bare tarmacaded parking area opposite should be softened up by means of some landscaping. The boundary wall to the Erris Gateway was quite grubby as was that to the boundary wall of the school. The planting of trees might soften their bare grounds somewhat. The lavatories by the beach were very freshly painted. The Parish Hall, as mentioned in last year's report, is in bad condition. This is an attractive building with a lovely tiled roof including unusual and elaborate ridge tile. The building however was rather badly stained and weeds were evident to the steps leading up to it.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Flower tubs throughout the village had yet to come into their full glory. The marigolds on the Newport Road were admired. The montbretia at the pier must look magnificent when they come into full bloom. Perhaps more landscaping could be considered to the Top Garage to soften their forecourt area somewhat.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The adjudicator was pleased to note your plans for raising funding for your natural causeway. The marshland area adjacent to the beach is most unusual and would be of immense interest to any environmentalist. The rusty barrel dumped in this location was most unfortunate. Do involve

your local school children in putting together a wildlife plan of the various habitats in your area. The village is most fortunate in this regard in its location adjacent to the sea and with its rich mature foliage. Notes regarding development of this aspect of your presentation are to be found in the Tidy Towns Handbook – you could also consult local experts.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard on the day was extremely good considering Mulranny is obviously such a busy place for visitors. Several problem areas were: near the junction of the Quay and Achill Roads, along the ditch to the latter; an odd paper in the wonderful sandstone area surrounding the beach; along the road leading to it. The odd outbreak in the ditch adjacent to the road leading to the Parish Hall was also apparent.

## **TIDINESS**

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better. Shabby advertising hoardings both the Newport and Achill Roads should at least be repainted. Some unfortunate tin roofs should be re painted in a traditional red or green colour. A store area adjacent to some stone cottages on the Main Road looked unfortunate – even a pair of gates to close this space off would improve it immensely. The odd weed was evident to the gravel area opposite the pier, but in general this area was very well maintained apart from a plastic barrel which had been dumped on the road leading up.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are some very attractive individual houses and housing developments within and around the village. A pretty thatched cottage on the Newport Road was admired, however, its parking area to the front was quite weedy. A boundary wall to another pretty cottage garden was in need of some attention. A neglected tin roofed cottage on the Newport Road looked unfortunate although it had been re-roofed so hopefully work is underway in this regard. The magnificent garden surrounding the steps leading up to the house adjacent to Campbell's looked most attractive. However, the house itself was badly in need of a fresh coat of paint. Moynish House was quite fresh. The stone and plaster Mulranny Holiday Village development looked marvellous with its magnificent red sandstone retaining wall. An old house with Dutch gables on the hill did not look in very good condition although its rhododendrons to the roadside were greatly admired. Some houses and boundary walls were suffering in the marine environment in relation to staining.

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

Roadworks were obviously in progress on the day. The welcome signs in stone with white lettering to each side of the

village were most appealing. The Newport Road is a long lead into the village with a magnificent view to the cloud covered mountains beyond. Stone walling as in progress. The Achill Road was very green and lush with its marvellous rhododendrons overhanging the roadside. Signage was a problem on the day. The Children Crossing sign leading up from the beach was quite faded. The sign towards the Parochial Hall was in bad condition also, and the "drive slowly through the village" sign on the beach side was also in need of some attention. Your comment in relation to wandering sheep was noted especially as the adjudicator encountered quite a few while travelling!

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Mulranny is an attractive seaside village with a magnificent beach and marvellous lush surroundings set in the mountains. Good luck with your future endeavours.