

*"Caring for our environment"*

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

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	42
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	36	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	38	38
Tidiness	20	18	17
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	34	32
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>251</b>

## **Keadue, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your entry form and Keadue Tidy Town Plan up to 2001. It is great to see that you have achieved so much of your plan to date including your Main Millennium Project.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

As last year's adjudicator said the first impression is very good on all approach roads. I note, in particular, the re-surfaced Boyle Road entrance to the town. The new stone walls on the Carrick-on-Shannon Road with built-in seats are very nicely finished. There are a couple of houses on either side of the road just before the new wall which could be improved. I also noted that there are still some premises which would benefit from having their paintwork freshened up including dormer windows, garden gates and a couple of gable walls. The Millennium projects look great.

### **LANDSCAPING**

All the flower boxes, cut-stone beds, gravel beds and hanging baskets including the wildflower beds on the Drumshanbo Road were in full bloom. The lawns and grass verges were nicely cut and the O' Carolan B&B sign very tastefully done. I noted the new stone wall in the garden beside the Sweat House. The new tree planting was also noted, as were the stone walls around the triangle gravel beds on the Sligo Road. Keep up the pressure to have the poles and wires removed from this area.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The lake and wooded areas were a hive of wildlife activity while inspecting this area. The single sleeper footbridge over the stream leading up to the Tomb proved testing to get across. However the trip was well worth it. The Tomb area itself was nicely trimmed and the forest trail well laid out to facilitate all levels of walkers. The Wildlife Notice Board is very informative and the car park surface good. Your concerns about easier access to this area are very valid. The protection of this area is of paramount importance taking flora, fauna and wildlife into consideration. The signage in this area is very good.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The effort to keep Keadue litter free is very evident. Look out for the culprit who disposed of the chewing-gum

wrapping paper at the steps of the Heritage Park! Keep up the good work.

## **TIDINESS**

The area was generally tidy. There were a couple of side entrances which were a bit cluttered. Some premises could do with their paintwork being freshened up. The fountain, wishing - well and flower beds in front of the Hall improve this area immensely.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The on-going work in this area is clear to see. A few of the drive-ways would benefit from being re-surfaced. The four new houses above the Church are nicely finished. Some paint work needs touching up.

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

The seat in front of the brown and cream houses need to be painted as do a couple of gates on the Drumshanbo Road. The Credit Union is a bit dull.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A community working as a team showing great pride in their town. Well done.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (05/08/00)**

The exceptional high standards of development and presentation pertain in Keadue as usual. Attention to detail and high quality of features conveys a great sense of commitment, determination and cooperation. The Sweathouse and Heritage Park were looking particularly well with carefully tended grass and shrub borders. Window boxes and hanging baskets were at their peak. The walk by the lake to the tomb with narrow timber boardwalk is unique. The wire mesh surface giving a steady grip for safety. The village was litter free except for a can by the roadside at the Heritage Park. The approach road thorn hedges are neatly clipped and edge vegetation is weedkiller treated. While this looks very neat and trim there is a danger now of over manicuring and elimination of the natural appearance of such places not to mention good practice in relation to the provision of the food and habitat that hedgerows offer wildlife. The musical heritage was very evident on the visit with the O'Carolan harp festival underway.