

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULLAGHMORE**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	31	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	184	184

Mullaghmore, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form, map, and "Mullaghmore Active" update. As stated in this document, the aim of the group is "to develop Mullaghmore by making some improvement every year". This is what this section of the competition is looking for, a Development Plan for the village, that will give a focus for your work. We request that the committee submits a concise 3/5 year plan outlining clear and achievable targets under the various headings of the competition. It is good to see that you are continuing your association with all the local bodies. Your continued interest in the competition is encouraging for both the village environment and its community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The village with its wonderful vista has many attractive features for the community and visitor alike. The fine stone harbour and open areas are a focal landmark in the centre of the village and should be kept tidy and well maintained. The brightly painted business premises with their traditional Seaside colours and flower features, in the centre of the village, add to the overall impression of the area. The completed extension to the Pier Head Hotel looks very well and compliments the stone pier adjoining. The processing plant continues to detract and looks like it has degenerated further. The Convent, its grounds and the old school house also caught the eye for all the right reasons with a tidy presentation. Last years comments re: dereliction still applies. A dramatic new building is under construction by the pier and we look forward with interest to see its completed effect.

LANDSCAPING

Once again, many attractive landscaping features were noted throughout the headland. These included some lovely picnic sites and perennial flower beds. The very tidy stone walls and grass verges on the approach to the village are very impressive, as is the bi-lingual welcome sign and lovely flower bed at the entrance to Classiebawn. Your trees on this road still need some support and attention.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The emphasis of this section of the competition is on the conservation and the enhancement of wildlife habitats and the environment within the village. Seashore, woodland, ponds, hedgerows, grass margins and meadows, open spaces and walls are all important habitats. Some progress has been made along the beach area in this section. The committee needs to identify the wildlife habitats in the village and then determine the appropriate actions to conserve and enhance these habitats. Get advice from relevant local bodies and local wildlife experts in your area.

LITTER CONTROL

Last years comments still apply in this area. There was very little litter in the village on the day of adjudication. This section of the competition also recognises appropriate use and maintenance of bins in the village. An effective litter campaign, and promotional activities are also acknowledged. It is good to see that your clean up day event continues, but the whole community must remain vigilant in this important area of the competition..

TIDINESS

This section considers the overall tidiness of the village to include open spaces, alley ways and backyards. The latter two should be disguised or hidden by suitable screening fences/planting or gates. It also considers derelict sites in the village environs. Dereliction is a challenge faced and tackled by many villages in the competition. Often an imaginative tidy, paint and cosmetic job can make a dramatic improvement on a neglected site. As mentioned last year, there remains a number of properties with obvious and untidy back areas. Also, many of the old boats and farm machinery previously mentioned remain abandoned and unsightly.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the individual homes looked well on the day of adjudication. Some attractive hedges, boundary walls, flower features and lawns were noted. These well presented homes once again highlight the homes that need their paint work refreshed and surroundings tidied and maintained. Once again I acknowledge that many of these premises are summer residences, but they continue to detract if they are not maintained. Similarly many of the housing developments still have poor road surfaces, paths, untidy boundary fences and open areas. However, well done again to those individual property owners who maintain the areas outside there own properties so well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Stone walls throughout the headland are an impressive asset and worthy of the attention you have given them. Particularly the very fine stone walls and verges on the approach to the village. Well done again. Many of the roads and lanes need attention to both their road surface and their verges, which can be tidied without compromising the wildlife and fauna. The area around the sandy slipway in front of the Pier Head Hotel also needs attention both to tidy it up and to make it safe and accessible.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Last years comments still apply. The committee has a number of issues to consider and work on. Try to involve the community in as many ways as possible to effectively tackle these issues and

realise the full potential of your beautiful village. Both the community, the village environment and its many visitors will reap the rewards of your work.