

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BAILE NA FINNE**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	20
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	20	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	11
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186	173

Baile na Finne, Co. Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Baile na Finne enjoys an enviable location overlooking Lough Finne against a backdrop of dramatic hills. Links with the natural environment have been well established via the 'train' ride along the lake shore as well as boating facilities. Baile na Finne is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Congratulations on your achievements to date.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

With so much work in progress in the village, Baile na Finne has not yet come into its own under this heading. The presentation of Halla Cholm Cille is excellent as is that of the school and Teach a Cheoil. Many curtilage areas to buildings are underdeveloped.

LANDSCAPING

Newly landscaped areas will make a significant visual impact as they mature. Stone work at the Well and the new picnic area was admired. Plant containers are imaginative and attractive. Try to feature plants for winter and spring interest also.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The small woodland area located between the lakeshore and the main street is a valuable woodland habitat. Wetland habitats are also present. The hawthorn trees lining the railway track are valuable for wildlife also. Bird boxes were noted at the school. Has a wildlife survey been undertaken?

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good throughout the village and along the lakeshore and the railway tracks. Some litter bins were too full. Are they being emptied frequently enough? The one beside the Well was a case in point.

TIDINESS

The recycling point at the new picnic area was very tidy. The environs of the 'train' station are underdeveloped and so appear untidy. Outbuildings beside Teach a Cheoil are an eyesore. Eliminate weed growth around the perimeter of the new car park.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The presentation of Ard Colmchille is very good. Individual houses lining the main road are nicely presented also and there are some excellent gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Both the new toilets and the new picnic facilities are a valuable facility for the travelling public. The new footpath and road complement the overall presentation of the village. The Mullach Dubh development is a fine achievement.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village enjoys a beautiful setting and is being developed to a stage where it has much to offer the wider community. It is currently in a stage of transition with much more work in progress and so it is unlikely to be presented to its full potential for a few years yet. However, congratulations on your work so far, and best of luck in your future plans.