

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CHURCHILL**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	--
The Built Environment	40	28	--
Landscaping	40	25	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	--
Litter Control	40	29	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	180	--

Churchill, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

No developmental plan accompanied the application. This is a great pity, reassessing existing plans and developing future plans helps to focus attention on what the main areas for development are and ways of achieving them.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment in the village is very attractive. The Wilkins building is well maintained and the climbing roses and hanging baskets further enhance its attractiveness. Mc Claffertys' shop front needs to be refurbished. Churchill stables are in need of repair.

LANDSCAPING

Softening of the forecourts of the commercial premises with planting and change of surface such as stone chippings (in contrasting colour to road surface) would further enhance the village streetscape and separate the roadway from pedestrian areas.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village is situated in a place of immense natural beauty, with an abundance of coniferous and deciduous trees. Further tree planting programs could be developed in the village itself to compliment the surrounding area. The wild fowl sanctuary outside the village could be a destination for well laid out, planted and sign posted walks. Starting points for walkways to the lake area could be developed and signed clearly also. Information boards could inform the public about trees, shrubs and wildlife in the area.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little evidence of litter on adjudication day, well done.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of the village is of a place well kept, neat and tidy

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally the residential buildings were very well maintained and landscaped both in the village and on the approach roads. This added a great deal to the overall attractiveness of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach roads, hedges, verges, and trees were well maintained on adjudication day. Road surfaces were good generally. The bridge on the outskirts of the village needs to be refurbished

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression is that Churchill is a village interested in, continued development, protecting its natural environment and providing a welcome for those wishing to explore the area.