

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DOOCHARY**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	11
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	15	16
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	225	217

Doochary, Co. Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Situated on the banks of the Gweebarra river and set against a backdrop of low hill, Doochary was a pleasure to visit. The view of the church on entering the village from both the Glenties and Fintown roads was especially pleasing. Doochary is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your Development Plan, we wish you every success in its implementation. It is good to note the committee is working with statutory bodies.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Many buildings are presented to a high standard. The Post Office, Garda Station and Teach Ghleann Cheo all looked well as did the church and of course its grounds and car park. No doubt Teach Tachairne O'hAnluain and the McDermot Bros. Motor premises will be upgraded to their roadside façades in due course. Congratulations on the restoration of the Ice House.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaped amenity areas were very much admired during adjudication, particularly the new stone seated amenity area at the top of the Glenties road. This location affords a beautiful view across the river to the church. The picnic site looked well also together with the commemorative amenity. Flower displays were in full bloom.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your management of the Gweebarra River as a salmon spawning ground is valuable to its integrity. Well done! Groups of anglers were noted during adjudication. Wildflower displays and ferns out the Letterkenny road were a visual treat.

LITTER CONTROL

Your litter control activities/strategies are successful; the village was almost litter free during our visit. Well done! There must be a high level of litter awareness within the community.

TIDINESS

You are aware of the problem presented by the derelict college premises located beside the church. We wish you well in overcoming this problem. The curtilage area of the McDermot Bros. Motor premises is somewhat untidy. Well done on your regular clean ups of the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The overall standard of presentation under this heading is very good, however quite a few properties could have been

improved to their curtilage areas. Work in progress was at the County Council estate was noted. The rose display in a garden across from the Post Office was very much admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The contrast along the Letterkenny and the Dungloe approach road is great. Mature trees and lush undergrowth are a characteristic feature of the Letterkenny road, while rocky outcrops predominate on the Dungloe road. The low concrete block wall out the Dungloe road should be stonefaced. Some road signs need improving. Speeding traffic on the Dungloe road made adjudication difficult.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Doochary is a place of beautiful contrasts which live on in the memory long after the experience has passed.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/01)

As mentioned in the first adjudicator's report the area in the vicinity of McDermott Brother's Garage appears quite unfortunate – on a more positive note the long building behind the bar and the B&B on Main Street would appear to be in the process of upgrading? Teach Tabhairne O hAnluain, also mentioned by the first adjudicator, will need painting up before next year's competition. In terms of litter control, the adjudicator was disappointed to note that a plastic bag full of litter had been dumped beside the litter bin on the Main Street and more litter was apparent on the Letterkenny Road. Besides these minor problems the village of Doochary looked very well cared for in its attractive moorland location.