

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GREENCASTLE**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	38
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	22	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	22
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	195	186

Greencastle, Co. Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Greencastle is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission. The museum is a wonderful heritage feature to have and to share. The new car ferry will be the source of major change in the life of the village. It is good to note the existence of a shore walk to Moville, however it appears to be underdeveloped. Could it be made wheelchair friendly?

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Museum and Coffee Shop are beautifully whitewashed and complement the adjacent terrace of houses. Other buildings are nicely presented also, e.g. Kealys Seafood Bar and its carpark, Scoil Columbcille, the P.E.C.C. building, the Fisheries College and many more.

LANDSCAPING

Two large greens located between the Maritime Museum and the shorefront are underdeveloped. The green area (stone enclosed) across from the shops looks well and the children were enjoying it during the course of adjudication. The Maritime Memorial is excellent and the picnic site was admired also. Flower displays were in full bloom. Focus your energy on permanent planting with seasonal year round interest for full impact.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We would be delighted to see the brochure on heritage and wildlife of the area which has been prepared by the Greencastle Development Company Ltd. This is the type of project that can win a wildlife award. Send it in to us next year. The small wooded area between the road and the shoreline would be an important woodland habitat and, of course, wetland habitats predominate.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good. There appear to be enough litter bins and these are appropriately placed. Well done on your success re: an Environmental Worker under the FAS job initiative. Your seven point action plan is admirable.

TIDINESS

Large undeveloped sites around the area look untidy. Derelict bits and pieces of old machinery present a problem also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Detached homes in Pound Town were admired for their gardens. Terraced homes in the village centre are visually

impressive also, particularly those near the Museum. The small estate is neatly presented. Apart from a derelict house, there are no major problems under this heading.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Car parks are being well maintained and street furniture is attractive. The footpath and wall to the Fisheries College are finished well. Approach roads look neat and namestones are attractive. Well done on the Information Stands with map and wildlife details. The St. Bridgets Well initiative is a very worthwhile project.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Greencastle is a wonderful village which reflects the commitment of its community to their physical and natural environment.