

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MALIN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	43
The Built Environment	40	33	31
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	20
Litter Control	40	37	37
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	27	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	37	36
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	259	253

Malin, Co. Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The wonderful ten arch bridge set against a backdrop of mountain and sea is part of what makes Malin Town unique. The village is again presented to a standard we have some to expect from Malin Town. As with other centres around the country, developments are taking place which could change the way of life in the village to a large extent. It is hoped that new developments will enhance the social and cultural life of Malin Town.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Inishowen Motors looked superb this year and buildings throughout had been freshly whitewashed as appropriate. The Gate Lodge on the Malin Head road appears to be in the process of refurbishment, the new walls here were admired. The Community Hall, both schools, church, Hotel and shops are all nicely presented. Even the old Health Board premises looked well this year. It is anticipated that the proposed new Apartments, Café and Retail Outlet will complement the existing built environment.

LANDSCAPING

The village green is presented to an excellent standard again this year. The new stone planters at the waterfront complement the picnic site here. The treatment of the river at the small housing estate is very tasteful as is the green on the Glengad road junction.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Congratulations on the development of the wildlife viewing area. Is it finished? Some seating, an interpretative panel and perhaps some landscaping would be appropriate.

LITTER CONTROL

The overall standard is excellent, however some new litter (the contents of a bag) was noted out the Glengad road. No marks were lost. The standard in the small estate by the river is excellent.

TIDINESS

The overall presentation was one of tidiness and the screening of the recycling point is appropriate. There are no serious problems under this heading. Be careful about the removal of building materials when construction work has ceased.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard achieved for the small estate is excellent and town houses, many with window boxes, are attractive in their presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Roadside verges of approach roads looked really well, especially those which had been kerbed. Well managed hedgerow, neat verges and mature trees together with freshly whitewashed walls are characteristic feature of Malin Town. Well done on the ducting of service cables and the attractive street furniture.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Malin seems to look better on each visit, if that is possible. Congratulations!

SECOND ADJUDICATION (07/08/01)

The freshly whitewashed walls throughout the village were as sharp and fresh as the adjudicators have come to expect. Directional signage on the approach roads, and indeed signage throughout the village was extremely fresh. Buildings were presented to a high standard – a minor point would be to repaint the roof to an outbuilding behind McGonagle's. The green in the village centre was as immaculately maintained as ever and the attractive new planting adjacent to the bridge, with its picnic area opposite, was greatly admired.