

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NARIN**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	16
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	18
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>181</b>

## **Narin - Portnoo, County Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Narin-Portnoo is welcome the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission, particularly your Development Plan. We wish you well in its implementation. Both villages enjoy a magnificent setting on a cliff overlooking the Atlantic, however the absence of street lighting and a footpath along the stretch of road that forms the centre of Narin-Portnoo must make life dangerous for the community.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

All buildings are nicely presented and Ostán na Feartainne is being considered for the best Irish Language Shopfront Award. The Templecrone Co-operative premises looked well also together with its carpark. Andy's restaurant was also admired, as was Morgans Post Office and Grocery and telephone kiosk. The painting of the toilet block is a good objective.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The polished granite seat and table of the picnic site is stunning and is the only one of its kind seen to date by this adjudicator. What a great donation to receive. The site with the gazebo type building in the recess of the road just before the Narin Inn might make a good seated viewing area. Well done on landscaped areas and their maintenance.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your Blue Flag beach is a credit to the community and a wonderful amenity for all. Seating for seal watching is an excellent idea. Send in details of your activities to encourage bird nesting, butterflies and bees, they might earn extra marks. The herb garden sounds wonderful, perhaps it could be signposted for next year. The adjudicator could not find it although there was a beautiful fragrance in the air!

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was noted at intervals along the two mile stretch incorporating both villages. It was not a serious problem but could lose marks next year. Bags of rubbish at the Rosbeg end of Portnoo were also noted, however the contents were intact. Are holiday home owners circulated with litter/rubbish leaflets also?

### **TIDINESS**

Many undeveloped/underdeveloped sites are a problem under this heading, particularly at the Narin end of the village. Underdeveloped roadside edges also looked

untidy.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A large number of residential units were very much admired in all respects, however there were many undeveloped curtilage areas, even when their associated properties were nicely presented.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The stone wall boundaries on the road to the beach look exceptionally well and their water pump enclosures together with square and circular stone gate posts are a nice touch. The harbour area was also presented to a high standard. An area at the Narin nameplate looked quite poor.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Both villages looked very clean and the beach and harbour were nicely presented. Curtilage areas and undeveloped sites however spoil the overall effect.