

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CALTRA**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	26
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	31	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	11
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	31
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	209	208

Caltra, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry to the 2001 Tidy Towns competition – its good to see the community council encouraging children to take care of their environment through the provision of a wild garden at the school. The further tree and shrub planting will further enhance the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The weighbridge and adjacent property were photographed in consideration for a heritage award as it looks exceptionally well. The church grounds looked well but the car parking area across from it had litter strewn around. The grotto looks very well and adds visually to the attractiveness of the village and when floodlit would look very well at night. The Phone box looks somewhat jaded and is in need of replacement. Maddens was photographed for consideration in the best shop front category. Kinclare School looked nicely painted. The cemetery appeared tidy with the perimeter wall stone dashed with grey paint underneath.

LANDSCAPING

Planting in and around grotto is well maintained. The rosebushes at Kinclare School were in bloom and were very pleasant visually. Grass verges very neat and tidy with lots of trees that gives a “lift” to the area. The planting opposite Kinclare School on the Mountbellew junction also looked well but the palm trees in the centre of each planting appear to be on the wane. The boundary trees between the Church and the cemetery are an attractive feature. The window boxes and hanging baskets on Maddens look beautiful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

No obvious signs to indicate wildlife garden around Kinclare School having walked in and around the grounds and immediately behind it.

LITTER CONTROL

It is obvious the community council is working very hard on the litter issue. The only area of concern was around the corner from the post box opposite the church. The area around the recycling bank was clean and neat. If possible these might be screened or the area softened to take the harsh look from them.

TIDINESS

The village and all approach roads are neat and tidy and a credit to the community council.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The house opposite the graveyard looked very well as did the houses behind the grotto.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The overall streetscape looked very pleasant with all areas appropriately trimmed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village looks very well