

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **INIS MEAIN**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	60	38
Homes, Harbour areas and other Facilities	60	40
Litter Control and Tidiness	60	30
Roads, Walls and Hedgerows	60	36
Overall General Impression	60	37
TOTAL MARK	300	181

Adjudicators Comments

Inismeain, Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for once more participating in the Tidy Towns Competition. By many, Inis Meain is considered the least spoiled of the Aran Islands. In keeping with the times, new buildings take their place throughout the landscape, and care should be taken to ensure they enhance rather than damage it. Meeting with members of the committee to carry out an adjudication would confer an unfair advantage on an entry, and so random inspections take place.

LITTER CONTROL AND TIDINESS

Litter bins are not in great supply throughout the island. The only location which was badly littered was the foot of Dun Chonchubhair, quite close to an accommodation. This is an obvious place for a bin and another at the harbour. Sand and other materials from new building work is left lying there in many cases. There are a number of superfluous installations and buildings a short distance from the harbour which give the place a dilapidated air. We noticed, in particular, a bicycle hire container, an obsolete oil tank and hut which were used by the ESB and are no longer in use.

HOMES, HARBOUR AREAS AND OTHER FACILITIES

You have a fine new harbour with no more than currachs and the like on shore. New holiday apartments are welcome and well presented. The knitwear factory, the airport building and community centre hold up under scrutiny. Some of the private housing, especially those offering accommodation, and the pub, have taken trouble to give a good impression with colourful displays of flowers and should be complimented.

ROADS, WALLS AND HEDGEROWS

The island's roads, though sometimes steep, have an excellent surface and are a joy to cycle upon. Walls are an intrinsic part of the landscape and edge trimming seems unnecessary. Hedgerows don't appear too often.

OVERALL GENERAL IMPRESSION

Apart from the harbour approach and Dun Chonchubhair entrance, only a few rundown houses detract from your beautiful island.