

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **INIS MOR**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	60	36
Homes, Harbour areas and other Facilities	60	30
Litter Control and Tidiness	60	29
Roads, Walls and Hedgerows	60	40
Overall General Impression	60	33
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>168</b>

# **Adjudicators Comments**

## **Inis Mor, Co. Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

On this, your first entry into the Tidy Towns Competition, you are to be congratulated on a very strong start. With your 3 - 5 year Work Programme, and the co-operation of the traders, residents and schools, you are on your way.

### **LITTER CONTROL AND TIDINESS**

With such a huge summer influx of tourists, it is not surprising that some offend when it comes to tidiness. Litter is to be found, largely in Kilronan and where numbers congregate. Bins were in evidence in Kilronan and Kilmurvey, but by Sunday they were overflowing. This shows a need for more frequent collections or more bins. Recycling bins are subject to the same summer demands. Beach debris was not evident that day and its absence must be attributed to a clean up. Well done! I know that a strong start has been made in getting everyone contributing to the recycling effort. Derelict vehicles, once part of the landscape, have now been removed. However there are two abandoned buses near Eoghanacht. It is disappointing to find so much dereliction on the road to the right as one leaves the quay. It cannot be assumed that all visitors turn left when leaving the ferries. Around the ball alley and the former ESB station, rusted tar barrels abound.

### **HOMES, HARBOUR AREAS AND OTHER FACILITIES**

While the greater proportion of house owners keep their properties in good condition with well-tended lawns and gardens and colourful flower baskets, the effect is diminished by the large numbers of derelict buildings in very obvious locations. Quite a number of new buildings are more or less complete but there is a reluctance to put away the sand and other building materials and generally tidy the site on completion. The store on the quay had a facelift from the children of Aran we understand. This adds a friendly touch to an otherwise forbidding edifice. The Visitor Centre run by Duchas at Dun Aonghus is a credit to that body with a lovely stone building, adequate bicycle parking and litter-free surrounds. The ESB should be in a position to state what they intend to do with the power station which is no longer in commission. Otherwise it is likely to deteriorate further.

### **ROADS, WALLS AND HEDGEROWS**

The glory of Aran lies in its scenery of small, wall-enclosed fields. Roadside walls are never too high to hide the magnificent views. The yellow man signs for the walking route are very discreet when used in conjunction with a walker's map. The path clearance leading to the Garda

Station, Fire Service and heritage Centre is very welcome.  
Perhaps the meadow on top could get similar attention?  
Watch out for the corners with plastic pipes and sand.

### **OVERALL GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Work put in by the committee is already showing results.  
To secure the necessary co-operation, the future programme might feature a photo presentation to the community of the principal features, good and undesirable.  
Some property owners might be moved to action on the derelict premises they own.