

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **LEENANE**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	26	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	--
Litter Control	40	21	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	7	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Leenane, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Firstly, I would like to welcome you back to the competition. It was 1998 when you last entered and I am delighted that your community made the decision to get involved again. Thank you for your completed application form and the enclosures. They were helpful to me on adjudication day. You obviously have a very hard working committee and it would appear from your submission that you are all working together for the betterment of your village. With such a small population it is great to see so many people involved.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church grounds and the grotto are once again presented to a good standard. The Wall at the graveyard could do with a fresh coat of paint as indeed could the convent and the school. The Cultural Centre looks most impressive. Also, I see that some improvements have been carried out at the hotel which is good to see as it is one of the first buildings seen as one enters the village from Westport.

### **LANDSCAPING**

You have one of the most picturesque villages I have seen in a long time but you must not get too complacent. The green area where the fun fair is located looked very overgrown and generally unkept looking. There are a number of buildings on the Maam approach road which are a bit of an eye sore and really detracts from this lovely village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Again there is an abundance of wild life and flora and fauna available throughout the entire area. There is a lot of expertise available should you require assistance in identifying some of these. You are fortunate to have such natural amenities in your area and I am sure that they are enjoyed both by the visitors and the community.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Generally Leenane was free of litter except for one or two areas particularly at the car park opposite the Cultural Centre. Keep an eye out for this and don't let it get out of control.

### **TIDINESS**

As mentioned above the buildings on the Maam road give an overall untidy appearance to the village and I am sure that with a little imagination this problem could be rectified.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses are well presented and I saw some lovely manicured gardens. A good individual efforts are being made under this category.

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

The approach roads are well presented with the grass verges neat and trim. I would like to see a Welcome to Leenane Sign on the approach roads. The stone name place on the Westport road was slightly obscured

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Your amenity plan for 2001 is impressive. I look forward to seeing this plan being completed. I enjoyed my visit to your lovely village and may I wish you continued success in the competition.