

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **LETTERFRACK**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2001 | Mark Awarded 2000 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 31 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 23 | 23 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 28 | 27 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 25 | 25 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 26 | 25 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 22 | 21 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 22 | 22 |
| General Impression | 10 | 7 | 7 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 194 | 191 |

Letterfrack, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the application form and for the enclosures. I remember when you had your five year plan drawn up, and major improvements have taken place over the past five years, but it is important that you do not get complacent, and that the good work is continued.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The improvements carried out at Connemara West are commendable and the new furniture college looks good, there is still some tidying up to be done here but I can see that on-going work is being carried out, which when fully completed will further enhance this area.

LANDSCAPING

The green area opposite Avoca Hand Weavers is very attractive with the lovely garden furniture there is a great splash of colour here. As suggested to you last year I think that more could be done with your open spaces in the village. The water pump should be painted, (this was also pointed out to you last year). The stone walls on the Tullycross road are impressive, but some weeding needs to be done here. The grotto area was being photographed by many visitors on adjudication day and it is well maintained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You are so fortunate to have the Connemara National Park on your doorstep, and I am sure that it is enjoyed both by visitors and the local community.

LITTER CONTROL

There was very little evidence of litter on the day I visited Letterfrack, except at the area where the recycle bins are. You should strive to make Letterfrack a total litter free zone and this should not be too difficult considering the size of the town.

TIDINESS

Considering that there is still on going work being carried out in the village, I think the area looks tidier than it obviously looked last year according to last years report.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential houses on the approach roads are all well maintained and presented to a high standard. Heather Hill cottages deserve special mention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The derelict boats look very unsightly on the Clifden approach, the problem should be addressed. Also the

derelict building on the left hand side continues to be an eyesore. I remember mentioning this when I adjudicated Letterfrack some years ago. The Letterfrack signs on the approach roads are very in keeping with the landscape and look lovely. The County Council sign for Letterfrack on the Kylemore road is in need of repair.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your black spots are the derelict buildings and I do sympathise with you as this is an ongoing problem in many towns and villages. I look forward to seeing the development of Hannah's Garden on my return visit to Letterfrack. Continued good luck for the future and keep up the good work.