

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MAAM**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	17	--
The Built Environment	40	16	--
Landscaping	40	14	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	--
Litter Control	40	17	--
Tidiness	20	8	--
Residential Areas	30	12	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Maam, County Galway**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

I would like to start by welcoming you back to the competition. It is 1996 since you last entered. I am delighted that your community made the decision to get involved again. I think the element of competition is very good and helps to keep you focused. Thank you for completing the application form. As mentioned in the adjudicators report of 1996 you should again consider putting in place a 3-5 year development plan and work to this. Maam is such a small area with a small population, this should not be too difficult to achieve.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The stone walls at the Community centre will look lovely when completed. The School Grounds are a credit to all concerned. Considering that the school is closed for the summer the area is very well presented and the flower beds give a nice splash of colour here. The front of the post office could do with a fresh coat of paint.

### **LANDSCAPING**

I would suggest that you consider putting in place some street furniture at the river area. This is a lovely amenity and I am sure one that could be enjoyed by both locals and visitors. This entire area could be tidied up and presented to a higher standard

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

I am sure that there is an abundance of wildlife in the surrounding area of Maam. There are plenty of experts out there that could help you to identify them. Also perhaps you could involve the children in this project.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was little evidence of litter in the village on adjudication day. It is very important that the entire village be kept litter free.

### **TIDINESS**

The area at the bridge requires some weeding and also at the car park opposite the pub, otherwise the area looks tidy.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The private houses on the approach roads are mostly well presented. It is good to see that each individual house owner is taking responsibility for their own area.

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

All of the approach roads are well presented with the grass verges cut back and looking neat. As suggested to you before I would like to see a Welcome to Maan sign on the approach roads. The stone walls on the Leenane approach looks very nice but the derelict shed on the left is a bit of an eyesore.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

I am delighted that you are back in the competition. Keep up the good work and may I wish you continued success for the future.