

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ARDARA**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	--
The Built Environment	40	22	--
Landscaping	40	23	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	17	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	165	--

Ardaghey, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application form, supporting material and map, they were all very helpful in setting the scene for adjudication. The community's interest in appropriately developing their environment is commendable. Continue to foster relationships with local bodies that will assist you to facilitate your plans.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Community Centre is a great asset to the community and looked tidy and well maintained on the day of adjudication. The young and colourful trees will enhance the Car Park as they mature further. Similarly the Church and grounds also looked very well, with an ample well maintained parking area. The old forge is a worthy project for restoration and attention.

LANDSCAPING

The flowerbeds at the Community Centre added a splash of colour and the committee might consider developing these beds further with some perennial planting that will provide colour and content throughout the year. The half tubs and planters were well presented and maintained and the Church had a lovely perennial bed in its grounds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The committee have acknowledged the importance of this particular section of the competition and it is good to note that you are involving the local children in this area. Open grass areas, hedges, trees, and water edges are areas that could be identified within your environment for suitable or appropriate enhancement. Continue to liaise closely with local wildlife experts as you plan your future developments.

LITTER CONTROL

The whole area was virtually litter free on the day of adjudication, well done to all involved. However some well-positioned bins perhaps incorporating a community colour or livery are needed. These will contribute towards your overall litter policy in this section of the competition. Your Spring Clean event involving the younger generation of the community and neighbourhood litter control policy are both effective pro-active schemes.

TIDINESS

The removal of the tin shed is a positive step to the overall appearance of the area. I hope you are successful in your plans for the forge; meanwhile as you wait, a simple

tidy and cosmetic paint job will keep this very focal building and this corner looking tidy. It is important to consider the presentation of all boundaries, back areas, walls and fences as they contribute towards an overall tidy impression of the area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The homes in the area looked well, with some tidy hedges, and colourful gardens and flower features noted. In a small community the presentation of every individual home, their yards and outbuildings contribute to the overall appearance of the area.

ROADS STREETS & BACK AREAS

Approach roads create the first impression of an area. The roads were in good repair with some tidy hedges and verges that did not compromise the local fauna and wildlife noted. Hopefully you will be successful with your new fence funding, as this will enhance this area further.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is encouraging to find a community coming together to enhance their area and environment both for the present and for their children's future. Perseverance and attention to detail will bring the optimum and appropriate development to your small but enthusiastic community. Well-done and good luck with your future plans.