

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GREENCASTLE**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	39
The Built Environment	40	32	30
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	17
Litter Control	40	25	21
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	210	195

Greencastle, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your development plan is clear and concise and you have realised many of your target projects whilst continuing to add further goals for your committee and village. You have done much to enhance the village for both its residents and visitors. Do I understand correctly that a new five year plan will be in place later this year and presented as part of next years Tidy Towns application ?

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The car ferry and its environs are a great achievement. The harbour, with its plethora of moored fishing vessels, was admired. The Ferryport Bar, Keaveys Bar and Seamy's Fish and Chip shop were all admired as a fine development with pleasant flower boxes on display. The National Fisheries College is an attractive building, complemented by the mature trees opposite. The PECC building is well appointed and has an excellent sea-faring mural on its gable end. The Maritime Museum was also admired for its use of relics at the front of the building and its general appearance and the Memorial is a fine achievement. Scoil Colmcille is a very attractive building and well landscaped. Your action over the Northburg Castle is to be applauded.

LANDSCAPING

The Village Green, on the seafront, could be developed further in terms of landscaping with the addition of shrubs, trees, seating etc. so that it becomes an amenity for all and not just those who enjoy football. The trees behind Keaveys Bar were admired as were window boxes at McGlaughlins. Other areas around the village and its heritage buildings were also appreciated.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The public information posts that highlight the local flora and fauna as well as the maritime and ecclesiastical heritage of the town are excellent. The 'guide to Greencastle' is an excellent publication and worthy of your nomination for a wildlife award. The wild flowers growing around the wall to the Greencastle Fort were much admired; however, weeding was required to the wall itself.

LITTER CONTROL

Good provision and location of bottle banks. Provision of two litter bins outside McLaughlin's grocery shop was noted and the area was generally free of litter on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

A derelict house, out the shrove road, requires some thought. The area around the harbour was quite tidy which must be difficult to achieve.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Well maintained houses were noticed on the left of the Movice approach road. The new housing development in the vicinity of the National Fisheries College was also pleasing to the eye. Pound Town has been developed at an appropriate scale for the village and looks attractive. Houses and gardens along the Shroove Road were much admired. The fishermen's cottages, beside The Maritime Museum, have great charm.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Movice approach road has a good footpath on the left hand side. The car park beside the village green is well laid out with a good stone wall surround, with attractive planting and information posts for the visitor and locals alike. The Traffic calming was noted and is to be commended. The well maintained wall and footpath around the National Fisheries College were noted. The car park in front of the fort needs attention. The Shroove approach road was in good condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Greencastle is a charming and thriving fishing village with much to offer in terms of history and wildlife.