

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULLAGHDUBH**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	35
The Built Environment	40	34	34
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	38	36
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	221	220

Mullaghdubh, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Do try and create a comprehensive development plan for next year's entry. A 3 to 5 year development plan, with achievable target dates set for all projects and outlined under the different categories of the competition, would be most beneficial to yourselves as well as the adjudicator. Your enclosed map is both informative and artistic.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Bonner's public house is very pleasant and well-maintained with the possible exception of a large mural on the gable end which is very garish and takes away from the traditional appeal of the building. Opposite Bonner's is the old national school, now sadly boarded up. However, the roof is in good condition and it is hoped that this could be redeveloped. Do let us know if you have any plans for it. The Celtic monument is very well appointed and well-maintained. Is the Town Hall still used as it has the air of disuse about it? Do try to relocate the overhead cables within the village to underground ducting as this really would enhance the streetscape.

LANDSCAPING

The stone wall and shrubs in front of the old national school are very pleasant. There is a nice sign on the approach from Kincasslagh but the grass around it could be trimmed back. Stone walls on the roadside are very pleasant. At end of the village, there is a very pleasant 'farewell' stone.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Do take on board the advice of last years adjudicator and refer also to the Tidy Town's Handbook for promoting the wildlife of your area.

LITTER CONTROL

No litter was seen on the day of adjudication so well done here.

TIDINESS

On the left hand side near the Drum Rua cottages, there is an unsightly caravan and some old cottages could be tidied up. Grass verges could have been better within the limits of the town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some houses, on the approach road from Kincasslagh, are very well kept whilst others

are less so. The thatched cottages (Drum Rua) are well appointed and very appealing. On adjudication day people were seen tending to their gardens, painting their houses, planting flowers and weeding all of which left the adjudicator very pleased.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Kincasslagh approach road is in good condition and has been recently resurfaced although the grass verges could do with trimming. A footpath and stone wall were good additions at this point. The road at the end of the village (the 'farewell' sign end) has been resurfaced with stone chippings but is in fairly poor condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There was very pleasant feel to the village, especially admired were the old houses and thatched cottages.