

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **NARIN**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	21	21
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	18
Litter Control	40	33	31
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>188</b>

## Narin, County Donegal

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your application and work schedule. It is somewhat confusing to follow as this year's work seems to cut across the five years of the plan, and although you highlight this work, it is difficult to know which of the other projects have been completed. Perhaps you could reconsider the presentation of your work schedule for next year. A more detailed map would also be a distinct advantage.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Templecrone Co-op Society building is nicely presented and, although there is no bin outside, it is neat and tidy. The Narin Inn is in good condition. A lot of cars, parked directly in front, would be better directed to the car park at the side, which could easily accommodate them. Overhead cables are an unfortunate feature of many rural towns and would benefit from underground ducting. Do you have any plans afoot to address this issue? Annora's Bar and B&B is in fairly good condition but the area in front could do with resurfacing. The public conveniences in the beach car park are very well maintained externally and brightly painted. The Church of Ireland is very attractive and in good condition. The windows are very clean and the grass is closely cut. The derelict hotel building out past Morgans on the left hand side is unsightly and the site would benefit, as your report suggests, from re-development.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There are some very pleasant stone walls along the Golf Club road. The wall opposite the Post Office would benefit from repainting, and on the road to the pier, the grass is very high. The established bushes and trees on the approach roads are very pleasant. Perhaps a seating area could be developed at the harbour.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The decimation of your butterfly bed is very sad but it is good to note your determination to continue with them elsewhere. Do keep us posted of developments. The herb garden is a wonderful achievement. The blue flag beach is an excellent amenity and no litter was to be found in the adjacent car park. Stunning views out over the bay were enjoyed from the coast road and the provision of seating for seal watching is to be applauded. There is an abundance of wildflowers on the roadsides which are visually very appealing.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Quite a bit of litter had been dumped on the grass verge on the left hand side of the approach road to Narin just after the town sign. The bottle banks in the beach car park

are well-maintained and clean. Good provision of litter bins was noted in the beach car park although one was very full. A man was seen maintaining the cleanliness of the beach on adjudication day.

## **TIDINESS**

One of the chalet type houses, opposite the Narin Inn, could do with some attention. A lot of weeds are growing out of the wall outside these chalets and the wall itself is disheveled whilst the area immediately adjacent the Narin Inn is quite overgrown and untidy. Coming into Portnoo from Narin, the remains of a stone wall are very overgrown and could do with attention. The lifeguards hut would benefit from painting.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There is a house high up on the hill on the left hand side of the Clooney approach road and your concern over the huge amount of rubble and stone that has fallen down the side of this hill, posing a potential danger to passing pedestrians and motorists, is noted. What is to happen to this once the building work is complete? Opposite this point is a newly established two storey housing development. It is to be hoped that the area around the houses will be landscaped on completion. An old van has been dumped in the development site and is quite unsightly. A large caravan park, on the Narin/Portnoo Golf Club road is well-maintained. A second caravan site, beside the beach, had a lot of long grass around it and could benefit from better maintenance. There are some fine stone walls and shrubs around the houses further on in Narin and generally the houses are well-maintained. There is great variation in the architectural style of the houses of Narin\Portnoo. A large house just before Morgan's post office and two more houses just after were admired. The cottages on the harbour at Portnoo are very picturesque and add greatly to the appeal of the harbour area which is very well maintained and clean.

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

The approach road sign for the Narin Inn is quite unpleasant. The hedges and grass verges could be trimmed along the approach roads. There is no footpath on either side of the Clooney approach road and quite a lot of overgrowth in the roadside areas. The road between the two villages is quite pot-holed and need attention.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Very picturesque villages with a lot of potential and very few black spots.