

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BALLINTUBBER-MAYO**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>201</b>

## **BALLINTUBBER, CO. MAYO**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

Thank you for detailed map which was very helpful in locating the various points of interest in such a widespread area. It is important that a yearly review of progress is undertaken to ensure that your work plan is reviewed and amended in order that the greater community is kept focused and committed.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Celtic Furrow (brochure was not enclosed) was smartly presented. The school and Community Centre are well maintained. The restoration of the building behind the Campus was admired. All business premises in this area are well kept with the exception of two derelict buildings which are conspicuous especially considering their central location. The Abbey continues to be restored with simple elegance, keeping its spirituality intact. The thatched cottage near the Abbey is very attractive.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Trees, shrubs and grass margins along the Ballinrobe and Castlebar approach roads were looking very spruce indeed. The grounds of the Abbey were looking splendid. Grass verges in the areas adjacent to Abbey were well maintained.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

No access to statue at Castle Burke. The gate was open but a 'keep out' sign was still there, with a notice stating private land. You have carried out good work in terms of planting.

It is important to conserve the natural habitats of local wildlife and enhance the amenities. Local hedgerows, grass margins, graveyards and walls all play their part in supporting and maintaining the natural amenities of the area. This category is about the conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitats and the environment, Ballintubber has this in abundance and it is a strength that Ballintubber should develop to its advantage.

### **LITTER**

Generally good, especially on main roads which are generally difficult to maintain to a high standard. The support of the whole community both private and business is vital in ensuring litter is kept under control and all are to be commended for their efforts to control and eradicate litter from the area.

### **TIDINESS**

The car park opposite Abbey was tidy but the boat containing flowers needs to be repaired. Grass verges on approach roads to the Abbey had not been trimmed recently. The general areas on the main roads looked neat and tidy.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The majority of houses were well presented with well kept gardens, proof of a community with a pride in their locality. Buildings and gardens in general were well maintained.

## **ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The main Castlebar/Ballinrobe approach road is well maintained and the roads to the Abbey had been re-surfaced. Work on the new car park and graveyard extension was in progress. It is important that the back roads leading from the main road are not neglected.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

As stated in last year's report, a good effort is being made, improvements to roads and work being carried out to the Graveyard etc. will enhance the area. It is important that the community remain focused and support the tidy towns committee in their efforts to maintain and improve Ballintubbers' marks in the competition. Keep up the good work.