

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BEAL AN MHUIRHEAD**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	18	17
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196	190

Belmullet, Co. Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The map and explanatory notes attached to the entry form were very well done. Locations of projects and activities outlined on the entry form were easily identified. The submitted summary of your three-year plan is exceptionally well structured. This paper work is a sign for a dedicated and enterprising committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The new Primary School is another positive landmark adding to the Garda Station, Fire Station and Udaras na Gaeltachta office. It has been positively noted, that the old stone Church has been improved by the installation of new windows and the tidying up of the graveyard. However, the old Primary School and Library needs attention. The Industrial estate is well maintained. The derelict buildings visible from the dock area at the back of Barrack Street are still problematic, but it's positive news that this is going to be sorted within the near future. There are plenty of potentially first-class shop fronts, but they are not yet ready to be considered for nomination for an Irish Shop Front Award. The paintwork at the Community Tourist Office needs attention.

LANDSCAPING

Generally, the landscaping is very good and the area along the Canal Banks is a real eye-catcher. The little footbridge, quality seating, as well as the stylish street lighting add up to an overall pleasant impression. The lawns and flower arrangements in this area are well looked after. The floral displays at the Fire Station and the central roundabout are as well presented as mentioned in the previous report.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The seaside looked well on adjudication day. An illustration board has been erected at the Canal, showing the birds of the Peninsula.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter situation has improved to a reasonable degree. It has been noted that you are continuing your weekly street sweep with another local committee. This is a commendable initiative. However, some outbreaks of litter were seen in Main Street, Church Street and at the pier in the dock area. The situation around the bottle banks has improved.

TIDINESS

As in the previous year, there is an area to the West of the bridge, near a white fence,

that looks untidy due to building rubble and other litter. The same applies to an area off the Blacksod approach road.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As with last year, the residential areas are very well maintained. In particular, the Fr Mulhern Crescent and the new housing estates along the shore road are a credit to their owners. The new stonewall along the shore road looks very smart and attractive.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Generally, surfaces on main roads are very good (Ballina Road, Barrack Street, American Street, the Square and Main Street). However, there are some streets in a very bad condition to the street leading to the new picnic area from the Blacksod direction and Church Street.

OVERALL IMPRESSION

Belmullet is a very interesting town with a beautiful setting facing the Mullet Peninsula. It is recognised that the committee is making every effort to give this town a much better image and look.