

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BREAGHWY**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	28	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	28	22
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	18	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>175</b>

## **Breaghwy, Co. Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for a colourful, comprehensive map and accompanying information. Your application certainly reflected a village with vision and determination. The links established between the Community Council, national school, and hotel shall certainly serve as a stepping stone to greater achievement. A strong network is in place and Breaghwy has successfully attained an individual identity. The Millennium Fountain was an inspiring “flagship” project and, by achieving something tangible, it has given your community the impetus to progress further. Your goals are realistic and make provision for the conservation and enhancement of the environment.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The church stands out from all other buildings with its striking appearance. It sets the tone for other strategic building in the vicinity. Whilst the school is well maintained, the Community Centre needs to be freshened up. The Shamrock Bar with its eye-catching window boxes has captured our attention. Lynch’s Breaffy House Hotel blends in beautifully with this charming community. The Developers on site at the hotel must be extra vigilant not to mar the overall appearance of the locality.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Millennium Fountain is exposed to great effect and the provision made for the disabled and visually impaired is commendable. The decision to replant shrubs was worthwhile. The area in front of a disused garage needs attention. The entrance to the Sports ground should be included for possible enhancement next year. Whilst the fencing is in a good state of repair, the goalposts need painting.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Breaghwy is a wildlife paradise. It consists of wetland, woodland and grassland habitats. We should work with nature whenever possible, and therefore somewhat more initiatives might be undertaken by the community to fully interpret and exhibit its outstanding features. This may take the format of nature walks or school-based projects. Participation in the ‘Sli na Slainte’ project is highly recommended.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The fact that the local school was awarded the Green Flag has raised litter awareness at ‘grass root level’ so to speak. The bins that line the entrance to the hotel were rusted and overflowing on the day of inspection.

### **TIDINESS**

The verges on the road from Turlough remain unkempt and are in stark contrast to the patch opposite Canny's tyres which is commendable. The Lynch Hotel Group has certainly collaborated with the community in keeping the exterior wall and grass verge of the hotel in an impressive state. Cognisence has been taken of the building boom in the area. Developers must make a greater effort to remove debris. Plastic signs advertising hotel rates appear unsightly.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residential properties in the village and its environs are beautifully presented with one or two minor exceptions. The specific recommendations made in last year's report still hold.

## **ROAD, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The side-roads appear to be somewhat neglected in comparison with the main Castlebar road. The entrance to a new housing development on the Balla side of Breaffy House was uneven and covered with unsightly mounds of earth. Stricter guidelines need to be implemented regarding the transportation of building materials and equipment.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The efforts of the Community Council to involve all sectors of the community in the enhancement of Breaghwy are commendable. The community must continue to preserve its natural attributes whilst developing newer projects thus linking the past with the present. Signage in general must be improved as the signs on the main Castlebar road from Balla were concealed beneath grass and weeds.