

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CLAREMORRIS**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	22	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	--
Litter Control	40	19	--
Tidiness	20	10	--
Residential Areas	30	18	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	150	--

CLAREMORRIS, CO. MAYO

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns competition and thank you for re-establishing Tidy Towns in your area. Your 3 year Tidy Town Plan is very comprehensive and the map supplied was useful. When all the development work has been completed in the centre of the town and combined with the proposals for the greater area of Claremorris, the town will be transformed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As the town is undergoing a major town enhancement programme, many buildings have not yet been painted and this is understandable. New paving and footpaths in the area around the Square look well and when completed will really enhance this area. The Church is well maintained and St. Coleman's Funeral Parlour is very well presented. The smartly presented "Lawn" housing is to be commended. The new bridge over the Railway on Main St. looks well.

LANDSCAPING

The treescape on Main Street and on some of the approach roads are well maintained and a number of shops have nice hanging baskets and window boxes. Some of the grass areas on the approach roads would need attention.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Clare Lake is very attractive with its innovative tree planting. The development work that has taken place is to be commended. The lake and Park are an asset to your area and no doubt attract locals and visitors alike, your photographs of the developments support this. Conservation and enhancement of the wildlife habitats and the environment should be developed to its maximum.

LITTER CONTROL

Despite sufficient litter bins in the town, there were a number of litter black spots on adjudication day. Plastic bottles and drink cans were seen near Mount Street, on the path by the Credit Union building and in the car park. Rubbish was dumped in area next to O'Brien's Dispensary. A strong anti-litter campaign should be organised with the schools, the greater community and with the full co-operation and support of the businesses in the town.

TIDINESS

Notwithstanding the development work ongoing in the town, some of the business

premises and private property owners are making a real effort to maintain a tidy appearance. Areas that require attention include the overgrown grass margins along the wall in the Church grounds, the rusty railings along approach road to Railway Station (adjacent to Esso) and the telephone box with missing glass panel and the odd neglected business property

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private dwellings are well maintained with the majority having their gardens well tended. It is obvious that the majority of residential house owners are making an effort and take pride in their community.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS.

Main Road surfaces are good, back area near the carpark and by the Eircom building need attention. Already the new footpaths create a favourable impression combined with the tree planting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Currently there is an untidy appearance to the town, hopefully when the development works are completed, the Square and surrounding areas will be transformed. It is vital the greater community work together with the Tidy Towns Committee ensuring the goals contained in the three year plan are achieved. Well done to the committee for their efforts to date, persistence will pay off in the long term.