

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KILLALA**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	15
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	175	173

Killala, County Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your documentation including map and entry form. As mentioned by the adjudicators in 2000 and 2001, you would find it helpful to formulate a more structured work plan in terms of setting a time frame for achieving results in each category.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The landmark buildings of Killala are the Cathedral and the Round Tower, which are well kept. Unfortunately, the view adjacent to the Round Tower spoils the fantastic work on the actual tower site (derelict building, weeds and rubble area). The same applies to the site right of the Cathedral. Once again, the Biodynamic Clinic is well presented. Shop fronts are still marred by inappropriate signage and a few shop fronts need a freshening up with paint. The look of the Garda Station, Post Office and Play School is outstanding.

LANDSCAPING

Good efforts have been made in terms of tree planting. Despite this remarkable attempt, the success of the project is in danger, due to inappropriate stabilisation of the young trees. Many of the trees, in particular on the Ballina Road, are bend (due to strong winds?) and show signs of a disease. The Quay is well planted with trees and shrubs. Most gardens along Quay Road were exceptionally well kept. Flower arrangements decorate the Humbert Monument in a pleasant way.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The comments under this heading of last year's adjudicator still fully apply. Once again, we suggest consulting the Tidy Towns Handbook for the names of helpful organisations.

LITTER CONTROL

On the day of adjudication the condition of litterbins was satisfactory. There was very little evidence of litter on the streets. The well maintained recycle bank helps to keep the litter under control. Your school, estate and street competitions are favourably noted.

TIDINESS

The area between Humbert Lodge and Garda Station appeared to be weedy. A non-plastered and partly knocked down concrete wall adds to the unpleasant look of this area. The picnic area next to the Deanery Cottages needs attention. Generally, the

tidiness of the town is adequate.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses in Market Street and Seaview Terrace remain exceptionally well looked after. The pleasant homes and gardens seen along Quay Road add remarkably to the attractiveness of the seafront. Some premises in Woodview Court Housing Estate need to be painted.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Most surfaces are very good. There are still some uninviting entrances and back areas, especially entering the town from the Ballycastle Road .

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Killala is a town with potential to be built on, providing historic sites and seafront features. The town's Round Tower and Cathedral offer an ideal platform for successful progress in the future.