

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **THE NEALE**
County : **MAYO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	26
The Built Environment	40	28	25
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	31	29
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	21
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	196	180

The Neale, Co. Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Welcome to the Tidy Towns competition 2002 and thank you for supporting the competition. Your 4 year development plan is very comprehensive and enterprising and with strong community support behind you, we look forward to seeing the planned projects develop over the coming years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone around the village pump, the decorative stone and pedestal beside old handball alley and stile at entrance to church and wall built between Mellotte's and Gibbons bars are all very impressive. The church and school were well maintained and again this year, the school was looking absolutely splendid. The Boycott centre and adjacent buildings are well presented and the Fr. John O'Malley Heritage feature is a fine achievement. Overall, business premises and buildings are well kept with the exception of the building opposite Mellotte's, which needs to be upgraded especially considering its central location.

LANDSCAPING

The well trimmed grassed spaces, some with shrubs and flowers around the village and approach roads are very attractive and further enhance the village adding colour and a contrast to the road sides throughout the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have carried out good work in terms of planting. Identification and labelling of trees is also to be commended. 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 village.

LITTER CONTROL

This was effective in all areas on the day of adjudication. 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 village.

TIDINESS

Generally there was an air of tidiness in the village. Major work carried out on the graveyard and at the intersection of the roads on the Ballinrobe road is to be commended. The neat appearance of gardens and open areas on the approach roads and within The Neale give a tidy first impression. As one takes a more thorough look,

this becomes a lasting impression.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As last year, the majority of houses were well presented, some with really delightful front gardens, proof of a community with a pride in their locality, with buildings and gardens being well maintained.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are good. The majority of entrances to fields and housing were in good condition with grass verges along main entrances and exits from the village cut back. The approach roads from all sides were well presented with ample signage and neat grass verges.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The whole project is a highly commendable one and the work carried out to date is acknowledged. The residents of The Neale are clearly aware of the importance of its heritage. Progress is being made, keep up the good work.