

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KEADUE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	44	43
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	38	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	39	39
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	34
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	266	261

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry into the 2002 Tidy Towns competition. The detailed tidy town plan 2002 – 2004 with accompanying map and photographs gave a clear indication of your commitment to the competition. It is interesting to note that more than 20% of the population of the village is directly involved in your Tidy Towns Committee with everybody helping out.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The vast majority of property owners are making Trojan efforts to keep their properties well maintained and in harmony with the local streetscape. The building of low level walls, the erecting of a bi-lingual plaque and the removal of utility poles are to be particularly commended – it looks extremely well. Credit Union house looked very well. There was a distinct absence of utility poles throughout the village. O'Carolan lounge bar has some wiring outside and could do with some work, but overall the village is a credit to all concerned. The street is adorned with window boxes and flowers in pots and gives colour to the village. The bog oak sculpture outside the Credit Union adds to the streetscape as does the pagoda in the park in the centre of the village.

LANDSCAPING

Considerable effort has gone into landscaping the village and its surrounding area. The “triangle” adjacent to Lough Meelagh on the Sligo Road merits entry for a landscape award with its harp motif made from gravel and shrubbery. Grass verges and summer bedding abounds. The planting of trees throughout the village on an ongoing basis is something that will pay dividends in terms of visual appeal. The heritage park is maturing beautifully and a wonderful asset in the centre of the village for peace and tranquillity.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The building of a loop walk off the Miners Way and Historical trails is important for the opening up of Lough Meelagh thus enabling visitors to view the five crannogs and the largest conifer tree in Europe. The development of this area must continue in a sensitive manner to conserve the area and ensure that the natural habitat of local wildlife is enhanced.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was virtually litter free on the day of inspection. The type of litterbins provided are in keeping with the local streetscape and could be used in more villages and towns throughout the West of Ireland.

TIDINESS

The village was neat, tidy and was visually appealing. Overall presentation is a credit to the local community. Buildings were freshly painted and neat. The overall ambience was one of cohesiveness and care, it is obvious people have a pride of place.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

All private residences appeared to be very well maintained and civic pride is the order of the day in Keadue. Well done!

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All approach roads looked excellent. The addition of the new triangle park on the approach roads, the absence of utility poles and the maintenance of all areas demonstrates a high level of commitment to the village in the Tidy Towns Competition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A superbly maintained village to be admired which is being developed with taste and in keeping with its locality. A keen sense of place that demonstrates exceptional effort.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (03/08/2002)

It is such a wonderful achievement to achieve Gold Medal status in the Tidy Towns Competition that one wonders at the (apparent) reticence of the County Council in erecting the much coveted signs. Keadue looked magnificent on the day of second adjudication. The recently landscaped area at the junction on the Boyle Road was a visual treat and the impact will be complemented by the refurbishment of the old house here. Lake Meelagh is a joy to experience and this adjudicator regrets not having the time to tread the newly developed loop off the Miners Walk from the village. Perhaps a holiday in your lovely village is the answer! A map and a brochure should now be prepared. The map should be incorporated onto the existing map at the bottom of the main street. The new residential development behind the Church looks well and is discreet, no doubt its incidental soft area will be grassed or landscaped soon. Other (planned) residential developments will present the committee with both a challenge and an opportunity.