

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **EASKEY**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	22	25
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>191</b>

## **Easkey, County Sligo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you still have not formulated a three to five year work programme. This document need only be a few pages long outlining your plans for the village's future development and setting a timeframe for their implementation. This will help the adjudicators to see your progress as the years go by. Last year's report and that of the previous year mentioned a feasibility plan for the riverside walk and encourages you not to abandon it – perhaps this could be reconsidered for next year's competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The buildings of the town were quite contrasting in their presentation on adjudication day – while many were extremely well cared for others appeared quite neglected and shabby. The Garda Station looked very fresh in two shades of green. Both the National School and Community School looked extremely fresh and their grounds were well maintained. Hargaden's was extremely fresh as was the Fisherman's Weir. The Post Office was also quite fresh but the Ocean Lounge on the Sligo Road was in the process of restoration on the day as were both the churches. O'Sullivan's is a charming traditional shop front. The adjudicator was pleased to note that permission had been granted for a new community hall and enterprise centre and it is to be hoped that this will come to fruition in the not too distant future.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The car parking area, planting and grotto was extremely well maintained and the planted flower tubs at the entrance pier to the road leading to the church looked extremely cheerful. The landscaped area by the riverside was well maintained and the quirky statuary by the Surfing Centre was admired. Roslea cemetery with its stone boundary wall was well maintained.

### **WILDLIFE**

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had left this section of the application form blank. Easkey is extremely fortunate in having a wealth of natural waterside habitats so close to the village centre. The comments made by last year's adjudicator in relation to consulting with local wildlife experts still applies.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control on the day could have been better. Although first impressions indicated Easkey was virtually litter free closer inspection revealed problem areas. There was quite a lot of litter to the forecourt area of the Ocean Lounge and

scattered further along the Sligo Road. More was apparent at the crossroads leading in from Sligo, along the Main Street and behind the Surfing Centre. A bin liner was still required at the bin to the riverside area mentioned in last year's report. A scratched bin adjacent to the sculpture by the Surf Centre created a bad impression and should be painted up before next year's competition. One of the litter bins at the Castle area had been knocked over.

## **TIDINESS**

There are quite a number of abandoned, derelict and boarded up houses along the approach roads and even in the village centre which create an extremely bad impression. Quite a number of these are fine buildings which would be a marvelous asset to the village if they were to be restored to their former glory – that opposite the Community School in particular. The concrete posts being used as bollards at the riverside area appeared quite weedy – a capping piece is obviously required to each of them. The barriers at the Castle area car park were quite rusty – indeed one was missing altogether!

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses within the village centre and along approach roads were well cared for on adjudication day – the council housing and senior citizens housing along the Sligo Road being of particular note. Most of the houses in this area were well cared for, although some sported the red algae growth which is a constant problem in marine atmospheres. Archer cottages were particularly admired and Radharc na Mara and its open spaces were well maintained – perhaps additional landscaping might be considered in this location.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The streets of the town were generally well cared for on the day. In terms of the approach roads the welcome signage was quite fresh and the grass banking along the Enniscrone Road was naturally maintained without appearing too wild – the wild daisies to the top were greatly admired. The road to the Church was quite potholed and hopefully this will be resolved once construction work is complete. An advertising hoarding on the Sligo Road looked tatty and in bad condition and should be removed.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Easkey is a cheerful, attractive and busy village which looked reasonably well cared for on adjudication day. Please formulate a work programme before next year's competition.