

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MULLAGHMORE**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	28	24
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	21	21
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194	188

Mullaghmore, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Unfortunately the same issues as last year apply in relation to your work programme. It is essential at this stage in the competition that you formulate this document. It need only be a few pages long outlining your plans for the future development of the village and setting a time frame for their implementation. This will be of immense value to yourselves as well as the adjudicators in assessing your progress over the years. Obviously the six members of the committee are working hard to keep all the green spaces of the village (and indeed the peninsula) looking at their very best. The adjudicators appreciate your problems in relation to the lack of a permanent population and wish you the best of luck in garnering additional membership. There is an immense amount of building work going on in the village at the moment in relation to new houses. There seem to be two distinct zones to the village, that is the harbour area with its commercial premises and houses, and the expanse of housing development to the hillside above Mullaghmore Head.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Star of the Sea Retreat and Conference Centre looked well with nicely maintained grounds. However some rust staining was evident to the boundary wall below the railings and weeds were evident at the kerbside. The Shop looked well as did the extremely fresh Pier Head Hotel. The Beach Hotel and Leisure Club looked very cheerful in red as did Eithne's Seafood Restaurant whose entire façade is a cheerful mural! The Old Quay Bar looked well in stone and the boat yard was reasonably neat given its nature. The old 19th century castle is certainly unusual and has a fairyland quality to it!

LANDSCAPING

The numerous landscaped areas along the harbour area that forms the green and along the head looked well. The village green itself was neatly maintained although weeds were evident at the kerbsides. The planted bed which incorporates the phone boxes adjacent to the retreat centre looked well. The picnic area beyond the harbour was beautifully maintained as was the planted area with colourful flowers beyond this again. The beach area is beautifully maintained – this is a marvelous asset to have so close to the village.

WILDLIFE

Mullaghmore is set in a magnificent location with "fingers" of rocks extending into the sea, which give the water a marvelous emerald green quality as it spills over them. It was disappointing to note that you had left this category of the questionnaire blank. This is a category of the competition in which Mullaghmore is remarkably fortunate in its

magnificent surroundings which give rise to an abundance of wildlife habitats in terms of sea birds and all kinds of marine life in terms of flora and fauna. The comments made by last year's adjudicator are still relevant in relation to consultation with Enfo or a local wildlife consultant in order to conserve this magnificent environment.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day was reasonably good given the number of visitors to Mullaghmore. Only a few papers and boxes were evident on approach roads but there appeared to be more further in to the village itself. One or two papers were also noted at the picnic area.

TIDINESS

Weed control appeared to be a problem on the day and perhaps your efforts in this regard had yet to be implemented. Weeds were in abundance to the kerbside at the Village Green. An overgrown verge opposite the Green beside the Retreat House also created a bad impression.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are certainly a vast number of holiday homes in Mullaghmore. A number along the seafront were admired – in particular some quite charming ones in plaster and stone as one approaches the village. The old Post Office is quite a charming house and there appeared to be a number of original houses in this location that have been restored. This is an area that needs constant attention given the number of temporarily occupied houses.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges on the approach road were generally beautifully maintained. The timber sign at the junction of the harbour and Mullaghmore Head junction were greatly admired. Street furniture such as the MDF bins and benches are quite unusual and have an attractive robust quality to them. The ring road around Mullaghmore Head was generally well maintained. The previous comment regarding weed control at the village green is relevant here.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Mullaghmore is a pretty little harbour village set in some magnificent scenery with marvellous views to Donegal beyond. There is a high level of construction work taking place and the committee will have to be ever more vigilant in order to ensure that the fabric and character of the village itself are not compromised by future residential development.