

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bealnamulla**

Ref: **83**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **195**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	28	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>191</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Beal na Mulla is welcome to the 2003 Tidy Towns Competition. The village is located on a busy thoroughfare which gives rise to difficulties in maintenance. The biggest problem under this heading is a lack of a clear definition for the limits of the village. A name stone should be provided on the Athlone entrance and a third on the Monksland entrance. As no map was provided with your submission this year it was difficult to know the exact extent of the village and what should be included in adjudication. Please supply both a map and a three or five year work programme with next years submission. Congratulations on your success in fund raising for street lighting and other initiatives. Despite its busy location Beal na Mulla looked very well on the day of adjudication.

### The Built Environment:

The village is mainly residential in character with very few commercial or public buildings. The Mill Bar itself looked wonderful and congratulations on your initiative for the old school. Again, the adjudicator was not sure whether the shops and health centre in Monksland were to be adjudicated for Beal na Mulla however these were well presented anyway. Work was still in progress at the Texaco garage at the Athleague end of the village.

### Landscaping:

Stands of mature trees are featured both on approach roads and in the village centre and these look magnificent. Mature shrubberies together with new shrubberies, flower beds and rose beds were admired. It is suggested that trees be planted along the grass verge on the left hand side of the road on entering the village from the Athleague road in order to soften the negative visual impact of the yards here which feature machinery.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

There is a lot of construction work in progress in Beal na Mulla and this may present a threat to wildlife. It is important that you undertake a survey of the village and its environs in order to identify whatever protective measures are necessary. The small stream is an important wildlife habitat, perhaps the survey could start here. It is also suggested that the banks of the stream are developed for recreational amenity.

### **Litter Control:**

The village was litter free overall. Well done on this. Some litter was noted in the small car park beside the shop near the Texaco garage, perhaps a litter bin would be appropriate here. It is important to send in details of your litter management activities as these can earn you additional marks as well as the absence of litter on the day of adjudication.

### **Tidiness:**

Do try to ensure that all building materials are removed on completion of construction work, this is very important. A few derelict buildings were noted in the village centre. No doubt this problem will be resolved given the amount of interest in development in Beal na Mulla. Another point to watch out for under this heading is weed growth at the base of walls and on hard shoulders. The recycling point at Monksland was very tidy however, again the adjudicator is not sure whether this should have been taken into consideration.

### **Residential Areas:**

The village (as noted above) is mainly residential in character and so will not reach its full potential until all development work has been finished. Some boundary walls on the main road need cleaning and / or painting. New houses look well and work in progress on landscaping their green areas has been noted.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Stretches of hard shoulder are in need of resurfacing and redefinition. The steep grass banks on some entrances are being very well maintained and were admired. As noted above, its important to feature name stones or name plates at all entrances to the village. Congratulations on the new lamp standards this is a grand achievement, particularly as the community was so active in fund raising for these.

### **General Impression:**

Beal na Mulla is a work in progress at the moment given the extent of current development and so the village will not reach its full potential for a few years. However, the standard of presentation is high in respect of landscaping and this ameliorates the visual impact of construction work. We look forward to charting your progress over the next few years.

