

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BANADA - TOURLESTRANE**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	22
The Built Environment	40	24	20
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>160</b>

## **Banada/Tourlestrane, County Sligo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Banada Development Agency Limited is obviously an extremely hard working and enthusiastic one. Given the large expansive area you have to cover, it is essential at this stage of the competition to formulate a work programme. This document need only be a few pages long outlining your plans and objectives for your village's future and setting time frames for these objectives in order that the adjudicators can assess your progress over the years.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The graveyard is charming and is well maintained but the entrance to the abbey should be painted up before next year's competition. The School was well maintained with cheerful flags flying but its boundary wall should be painted up before next year's competition. The Community Centre will also need some attention. The Church looked well and its grounds were beautifully maintained with a mature overhanging copper beech and well cut grass. The adjacent car parking area was also well thought out. In terms of the other buildings of the village, the Stop and Shop, Post Office and Walsh's were all well maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Peace Park dedicated to John Hume was very neat and well presented on the day although the brass plaques in the boundary wall could be polished up. The gate was rather rusty and should be treated and painted before next year's competition. The bridge and its planted pots were admired. The landscaping at the crossroads at Tourlestane was also well maintained.

### **WILDLIFE**

This is an aspect of the competition in which you are extremely fortunate with your wealth of riverside areas and mature trees. Some exotic looking birds were noted in the Peace Park! Perhaps you could get local experts and local school children involved in drawing up studies of the wildlife habitats in the locality.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control on the day could have been better. In villages of your size even one or two papers are even more apparent to the visitor. A number of papers were noted at the base of the litter bin outside the Peace Park. More papers and bottles were evident along the boundary wall of the GAA pitch and in the vicinity of the church.

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## **TIDINESS**

Some dead flowers to a planted in the bed opposite the Peace Park at Banada detracted from the area. Weed control was a problem at some boundary walls and houses in the vicinity of the school. Weeds had been sprayed in the vicinity of the GAA pitch but the dead weeds had yet to be removed.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Weedy forecourt areas to houses created a bad impression along the approach roads. An abandoned two storey house near the GAA pitch detracts from the area. However most of the houses along approach and in the vicinity of the villages were well maintained in particular those of Corpus Christi.

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

No village nameplate appeared to be in place on the Tubbercurry approach road. Directional signs in the villages were quite grubby and needed washing. The pumps mentioned by last year's adjudicator should be painted up to give them a more cheerful appearance. The long stretch of road between the two villages is quite a large area to maintain and the best approach is to try to maintain a natural appearance without letting the road sides look too wild. The Tourlestrane sign in the vicinity of the GAA pitch was slightly damaged and no village nameplate appeared to be in place on the Ballina approach.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Banada / Tourlestrane is an attractive pair of centres to visit. Please formulate a work programme to give yourselves a framework within which to work and assist the adjudicators in their assessment of your villages next year.