

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **SWINFORD**  
County : **MAYO**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	12
Litter Control	40	27	25
Tidiness	20	10	9
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>169</b>

## **Swinford, County Mayo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Many thanks for your report and your detailed Development Plan. We trust that, in developing the Plan you discussed the programme of work with the local authority and FÁS in order to co-ordinate everyone's efforts. Your committee remains rather small but the involvement of local residents' committees is welcomed.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Swinford has made big improvements in this category over the past few years. Shop fronts like Greaney's, Pádraig Horkans, Heather Lodge, The Sheepwalk and Rices Bar are good examples. Continue to encourage the removal of plastic signs in favour of more traditional designs. The public buildings like Áras Attracta, the Garda Station and the national schools looked well. The church and secondary school looked particularly well with very well landscaped gardens.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The highlight as a well landscaped area is the church and secondary school. The approach roads from Kiltimagh and the Dublin road need more attention and you should discuss a planned development programme with the local authority. Consider planting wild flower seeds on the approach roads to add colour to these areas to which you cannot devote too much attention with ongoing maintenance.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Outside of the reference to the walks which you have developed there is little evidence of any concentration on this category. The river along the Kilkelly road presents a good opportunity. Please do more in this category.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter and an abandoned fridge gave a poor impression in the NCF Co-Op car park but in general there was good litter control on the main street areas which looked well.

### **TIDINESS**

The main untidy aspects are abandoned building blocks, mounds of rubble and unfinished walls in residential areas. In addition you do have a problem with some derelict buildings which will need your attention.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Some home owners make a magnificent effort. Some along the Dublin road are exemplary. Larch Hill and Bollingbrook Drive looked alright with some making a greater effort than

others. The estate near Áras Attracta is in need of painting and road improvements. Continue to encourage the residential committees to raise the standard throughout the town.

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

Improve shrub and tree planting along the main approach roads. Your project for the railway embankment and the ESB sub-station will be welcome additions. In general, the back streets looked well with one small raised garden on the circular road being most attractive.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

For a small committee you have done well with the co-operation of FÁS and the local authority and made great improvements in Swinford over the past few years. We wish you well and hope you will get more people to join the committee with vigour and enthusiasm.