

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	26	27
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	15	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176	175

Swinford, Co. Mayo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Many thanks for your completed application form and map. It is unfortunate that you do not have the support of the Council's local engineer.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Church building and well-landscaped gardens make a very good impression on entry to the town. Eugene's Restaurant, Campbell's, Sheepwalk Bar, L.A. Folliard, O'Connell's Pharmacy, Forkan's, Towers Gifts & Hardware and Bolands are a few of the premises which look very well. However there are many other buildings which need to be painted. One example is the Public Library. Garda Station looks well. Glad to see NCF has cleaned up its car park. Swinford Nursing Home looks well. The garden is very attractive.

LANDSCAPING

The shrubbery opposite Groakes Garage looks well as does the stone wall and tree planting beyond this area. Tree planting through the town looks well. Also hanging baskets and window boxes are most attractive throughout the town. Approach road from Dublin looks quite untidy - you should plan to do some landscaping here. Planting of railway embankment looks well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You still do not seem to have addressed this area of the competition. You need to develop a better overall approach to this category. Discuss with local wildlife experts.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter evident on the streets on day of adjudication. More care should be taken in this area.

TIDINESS

Street paving and street lamps in the town are most attractive. Good weed control throughout the town. You still have a problem with derelict buildings.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is obvious that some residents are making an effort in this area, with many beautifully presented gardens in the area but more co-operation is needed from the community.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach road from Dublin looks very untidy with a lot of rubbish along the sides of the road. There also was a lot of weeds along Oak Drive. The pedestrian crossing looks well at railway. While an obvious effort is being made with the town centre, more attention should be given to approach roads.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are making steady progress to improve the appearance of the town. It is obvious that you have good support from local business people by the many new and freshly painted shopfronts. Others should be encouraged to improve their premises.