

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BOYLE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	177

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the entry form and for the details contained therein. Also for enclosing the map. It was most helpful. It is obvious that you have a good relationship with Roscommon County Council. A great improvement is noted in Boyle. Your development plans for the town really seem to be coming together.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have an important part to play in protecting the wildlife value of your community and you are approaching this the right way in minimising tree cutting etc. Lough Key Forest Park is a great amenity both for the people of Boyle and for visitors to enjoy. It is very well maintained and presented to the highest standard.

LANDSCAPING

The tree planting throughout is very good. Also the flower beds add great colour to the town. You are making good use of your open spaces. The grounds of Colaiste Mhuire are nicely maintained and the rock formation is very unusual. I sympathise with the problem that you have in Boyle with derelict sites. If you are to succeed in the competition this problem will have to be addressed.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the business premises are very well presented. There are some very nice traditional shop fronts and if possible all business premises owners should be encouraged to remove plastic signs and replace them with the traditional ones. The window boxes at the Bank of Ireland looks nice. Super Valu is nicely maintained but the stickers on the window detract from this shop. Animal Health Centre, Hideaway Railway Bar, Green Isle Foods, Feeleys Memorial to name but a few are all presented to a high standard. The grounds of Plunkett House look good. Also John Cryan Pub, Moonstone Jewellers, Brogans all deserve special mention. The Post Office has made a huge effort and those responsible are to be commended. There is some very nice summer bedding at Boyle Motor works. Also some very nice window boxes at Spar Supermarket. There is great use being made of window boxes and hanging baskets throughout the town and they really add a great splash of colour and every place looks bright and cheerful.

LITTER CONTROL

For a busy town the size of Boyle, litter control is very good. It is most apparent that everybody is doing their bit to keep their own area litter free. Well done to all concerned.

TIDINESS

The two petrol pumps opposite the entrance to Lough Key are a bit unsightly and if possible they should be removed. The re-cycling bins are very well concealed. The old pump across from the Green Isle Foods looks good, there is nice attention to detail here.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some lovely residential homes in Boyle Town and on the approach roads. The archway leading into Elm Court looks very nice and the houses are nicely presented, but the walls inside the Arch should be painted. Cluain Fobhair housing estate is most attractive. Some of the houses at Tarmon Road the boundary walls need to be painted. Abbeytown Guesthouse looks very nice, particularly the garden and all of the houses down this road look very attractive, but a little bit of weeding needs to be done at the open space in front of the houses.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach to Boyle from most sides look good, particularly the Sligo Approach. The car park where the town clock is located is well maintained and litter free. The Railway station deserves special mention. A wonderful job has been done here. The weak spot would be the Roscommon Approach - some weeding should be done here. Also the "Boyle" sign is in need of attention. The railings on the main road coming from the station should get a fresh coat of paint. Work was in progress on the green area at the junction of Tarmon Road and Plunkett Ave and it should look very nice when completed. Also an excellent effort at Station Road. This whole area is beautifully planted - well done to the residents here. The adventure playground is a good amenity and was very much in use on adjudication day. Also this area was litter free. King House is a great tourist attraction and is presented to the highest standard. Also Boyle Abbey is a great amenity and its location and surrounding areas looks most impressive. The stone sculpture here is very unusual and looks great.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Boyle is a lovely town and an enjoyable place to visit. There are many tourist attractions in the area, and all are presented to the highest standards. Your committee would appear to be very focused. You have done good work in the past. Boyle has the potential to be up there with the winners. May I wish you continued success for the future and I look forward to returning to your lovely town.