

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CASTLEREA**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	26
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	183

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the Tidy Towns form and for the sketch of the area. If marks were to be awarded for a neat completed form then you would certainly succeed here. I would suggest that you try to encourage some people to join your committee. Then perhaps you could elect sub committees with responsibility for certain jobs. Please try to draw up a 3 - 5 year plan. This is the way we are trying to encourage towns and villages to progress. It is important that your plan is realistic and can be achieved over a period of time. Maybe concentrate on one or two items each year. You have achieved good results during the last twelve months.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Try to identify some wildlife habitats in your area i.e. develop a bird sanctuary. Look at the possibility of developing a nature trail. There is plenty of experience out there. Do not be afraid to ask for help. You have some lovely open spaces and they are being utilised fully. On adjudication day it was nice to see these open spaces being enjoyed both by visitors and local residents. The Demense is also a lovely amenity.

LANDSCAPING

The shrubs and tree planting throughout certain sections of the town are to be commended. There is a great splash of colour throughout. The new tree planting programme will really enhance the town when they begin to mature.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The business premises are all presented to a very good standard. The Holy Trinity Church is a bit dilapidated looking. Grounds of the Convent of Mercy looks nice and the Church grounds are well maintained. The Lanterns outside the Castlerea market are most attractive. The hanging baskets at the Bank of Ireland look very nice.

LITTER CONTROL

I visited Castlerea at the end of a busy working day. I was most impressed by the absence of litter on the main busy streets. It is most apparent that both the business people and residents are very conscious of this and are doing everything in their power to make Castlerea a litter free zone. There was a little litter in evidence at Knockroe Housing Estate. You should involve the young children in your campaign to combat litter.

TIDINESS

There is a good supply of litter bins throughout the town. However, I would suggest that some of them could do with a coat of paint. It is good to see the business people sponsoring these bins.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some lovely residential houses on the approach road. Also the stone flower tubs down the Ballymoe Road look very attractive. Good use of street furniture throughout. The houses in the main streets are making good use of hanging baskets and window boxes. A good individual effort made under this category.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The sign where Castlerea twinned with Soulac-Sur-Mee is very overgrown and a bit unsightly looking.

Maybe you should concentrate on this area for next year. Generally the approach roads are well maintained and the verges cut back. The stone wall at the graveyard is very attractive and the flower tubs look nice, but the graveyard itself is very overgrown.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You have made great progress since last year. The work carried out to-date is commendable. The new walls and footpaths are a great improvement and all of the flower beds and hanging baskets are most colourful. Congratulations to all and continued success.