

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **FOUR ROADS-TISRARA**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 25           |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 16           |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 22           |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 21           |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 22           |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 8            |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 18           |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 14           |
| General Impression             | 10           | 5            |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>151</b>   |

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for completing the Tidy Towns entry form and for providing the detailed map which was most helpful. I am pleased to see that you have a good working relationship with the local authorities, Fas and the relevant state agencies. Perhaps you would forward your development plan with next years entry form.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

You have many open spaces throughout the village which could be better utilised. Also your wildlife sanctuaries could be better identified. You have an important role to play in protecting and increasing the wild life value of your community.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is some lovely summer bedding and tree planting on the road leading to the school. Also a nice job has been done with the village pump. The flower beds at the sports park are very attractive and particularly the stone flower bed which has the plaques for the first male and female school. This area looks most attractive.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Whilst the flower tubs at the Post Office look nice the building itself could do with a fresh coat of paint. Also Coyles could be brightened up a little. The Church and grounds are presented to a very good standard, the grotto is nicely maintained, as is the community centre and the school. I can sympathise with your problem of derelict buildings and it is such a pity about the derelict house in the village. Given its location it really detracts from the area. Greater effort will have to be made to rectify this problem, if you are to succeed in the competition at National.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control throughout the village was good. Just a little bit was evident by the school, but generally it would appear not to be a problem for you. Well done to all concerned.

### **TIDINESS**

The area leading to the ancient burial ground could be tidied up a bit with some weeding required. Also the shed at the entrance is a bit untidy looking.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

You have done well under this category. There are some very nice houses throughout and on the approach roads. One that deserves special mention is the house opposite the school. It is not enough to have the houses nicely painted and have lovely gardens - the side walls and pathways should also be taken into consideration.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREA**

The entrance to Four Roads from Mount Talbot is not very impressive. Whilst the edges are cut back the area lacks colour. In fact the entire village lacks some colour. Make more use of flower beds, hanging baskets. I would suggest that you plant flowers at the base of all your signs at each entrance similar to what you have done at the Athleague Approach. Pity about the derelict house just beside the sign on this approach road. The cemetery is a little overgrown and requires attention.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

In general terms Four Roads could be presented to a higher standard. It is small and compact enough to be manageable. However, apart from the points mentioned above, the village is clean and litter free. You have done great work at the sports park. The stone work all around this area is most attractive. Your next priority now should be the derelict house in the centre of the village. I hope you will be successful in solving this problem. Continued success for the future.