

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKVICAR**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9
Landscaping	40	16
The Built Environment	40	15
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	133

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the Tidy Towns entry form. A village as compact as Knockvicar should have no difficulty in advancing in the Tidy Towns Competition. Your committee should draw up a 3 - 5 year development plan to improve the general appearance of your village. Involve all of the community in this project. Set yourself realistic goals. Work in co-operation with the Local Authority. Such a plan will give you direction and encourage co-operation.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for greater nature conservation in the village. Identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds, fish these attract. With a little imagination and careful planning, even the smallest areas can be improved and a surprising array of insects, birds and other animals will feel welcome. You have some wonderful natural amenities, i.e. the bridge over the Boyle River, use these open spaces to their best advantage.

LANDSCAPING

Some weeding is required at the edge of the pathways at the Boyle River bridge, but the flower bed opposite this area looks most attractive. I would suggest that if possible the committee should encourage everybody to plant some summer bedding throughout the village. Hanging baskets and window boxes really add a great splash of colour to an area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Post Office is nicely maintained. The garden opposite the post office looked particularly attractive. The coal bags should be hidden from the public eye. Also there are far too many posters on the window of the post office. The factory could do with a fresh coat of paint.

LITTER CONTROL

On adjudication day the village looked neat and tidy. You would appear to have the litter problem under control and you are to be commended for this.

TIDINESS

The grass island with the finger sign posting is a little bit overgrown. More attention to this area is required. Also the signs themselves are dirty and in need of attention. This should be brought to the attention of the Local Authority.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

I saw some very nice private houses both on the approach roads and in the village. Great attention is given to the gardens. It is obvious that everybody takes pride in their homes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Boyle is well maintained. The grass verges are cut back and the approach to the village looks good. The "Knockvicar" sign could be planted at the base of the sign. The Knockvicar sign on the Keadue Road is practically obscured by long grass. More attention to this area is required. Tara Marina deserves special mention. The road leading down to it, the building and the marina are all presented to a very high standard. No litter was in evidence and the area was very busy on adjudication day. Well done to those involved.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village of Knockvicar is very attractive. It has great potential . You should concentrate on the Boyle River area and try to develop a river walk. Perhaps a FAS Scheme could be introduced as part of your development plan. I enjoyed my visit to your village and may I wish you continued success for the future.