

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOUNT TALBOT**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	20
Litter Control	40	18
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	150

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the application form. Over the coming months I suggest that you concentrate on planning to put together a 3 - 5 year work programme setting out the historical and cultural uniqueness of your village. There would appear to be a lot of history throughout judging from the number of ruins. You have a very small compact village and with co-operation between the local authority, Fas and other interested groups you should do very well in the competition in the future.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Mount Talbot has many opportunities for nature conservation, particularly at the river. Whilst the picnic area is nicely presented with the street furniture and the poles are nicely painted, some attention should be given to the large amounts of weeds which were visible. Also as mentioned in last year's report you should concentrate your efforts on the gate and arch to the ruin. This should be incorporated into your plan for the next 3 - 5 years.

LANDSCAPING

There is some very nice tree planting along the Roscommon Road, also there are some lovely mature trees at the school. I would suggest that some flowers be planted at the base of all signs entering the village. The greater use of flowers the greater effect. They really add a great splash of colour.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The blue and white building across from the picnic areas is a bit of an eyesore. Also the derelict house on the Roscommon Road is unsightly. If you are to succeed in the competition greater efforts will have to be made to rectify this problem. I do sympathise with you as I know it is a very difficult problem to overcome. You are not alone as most towns and villages have the same problems. Perhaps you should discuss this with your county engineer. The school is well maintained and the nice flower tubs outside are attractive. Also the Post Office is nicely presented.

LITTER CONTROL

For a village the size of Mount Talbot there should not be any evidence of litter. This was not the case on adjudication day. There was some litter at the picnic area and also along by the Roscommon Road. Watch this area and ensure that everybody does their best to keep the village a litter free zone.

TIDINESS

The general impression of the village is neat and tidy with the exception of some litter as mentioned above. The "Caution Children Crossing" Sign should be cleaned up a little.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some very nice houses on the approach roads into the village and in the village itself. Great attention is given to the gardens and it is obvious that everybody takes great pride in their property. One or two houses on the Four Roads could do with a fresh coat of paint.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Ballygar approach is very good. The grass verges and hedgerows are presented to a very good standard. The Welcome Sign looks very nice. The area at the village pump looks most attractive and the flower bed here is very colourful. Some weeding along the edge of the pathways needs to be carried out. The base of the Mount Talbot Sign on the Four Roads approach should be planted. I would suggest that

a plaque be erected at the old ruin which looks like a church identifying what it is and its historical content. Also the open space further down with the archway should be tidied up.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Mount Talbot is a most pleasant village. Concentrate on your development plan and take advantage of all of your open spaces and particularly your old ruins. Identify nature walks to the ruins. Continued success for the future and keep up the good work.