

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROSCOMMON**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>160</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the Tidy Towns form and for the most comprehensive report. The Committee has done great work to date and you are to be congratulated. Hard work and dedication will certainly pay off in the end. I look forward to studying your development plan on completion. Roscommon town is a lovely place to visit and you are utilising all of your buildings and open spaces to their best advantage.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your plans for bird houses in the town is an novel idea and one that other towns should follow. However, you should identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract.

### LANDSCAPING

The use of flowers particularly at the roundabout really enhances the town. Your idea to cultivate tree plants in a protected area is a very good one. Also the new roundabout at the courthouse when completed and landscaped will look very nice.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Roscommon has some wonderful stone buildings. It is fair to say that most of the business premises throughout the town are presented to a very high standard. The traditional shop fronts look great and your committee should encourage all of the business people to replace all the plastic signs with nice traditional ones. The use of window boxes and hanging baskets throughout adds a great splash of colour to the town. There are some business which could be better maintained. I don't like to mention them individually as I would not like to cause any embarrassment, but suffice to say they know themselves. When the committee and most business people are making such a big effort, it would be great if they could get 100% support. The lovely painting on the wall of the Holy Tree Pub advertising Guinness is a good example of how to advertise without the use of plastic signs. The museum, Tourist Office and restaurant next door are really very nice buildings. The Church grounds as always is presented to a very high standard. Also the Church car park. There is a very good effort being made under this category and everybody is to be commended.

### LITTER CONTROL

For such a busy town the size of Roscommon, litter control is very good throughout. You quite rightly point out that this is an on going priority for the town. It is one area where you can never get relaxed about. The provision of litter bins throughout help to alleviate this problem and there is no shortage of bins available. It is a good idea to involve the students. Be careful with posters etc. as they themselves can sometimes be the cause of problems.

### TIDINESS

All of the "in house" competitions which you organise are a great incentive to individuals, but generally the town is neat and tidy. The open space beside the Jet Service station (on the Longford Rd) is a bit unsightly looking, but the tree planting to the right of it looks very nice. There are some derelict houses in the town and I can sympathise with all tidy towns committees where this problem occurs.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estates throughout are well maintained. I saw some lovely houses on the approach roads, beautifully maintained with lovely manicured gardens. A good individual effort being made under this heading.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roundabouts on the approach roads really are most impressive. The tree planting on the Longford Approach is very nice and the grass verges neat and trim. The "Failte Romhat go Ros Comain" sign is very dirty and the area surrounding the base of the sign could be tidied up a little.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Generally, I was most impressed with Roscommon. You are dedicated to the success of this competition. The work carried out to date is very good and your plans when completed could easily see your town a National Winner. Continued success in the competition.