

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROSTELLAN**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>181</b>

## **Rostellan-Farsid, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Community continues to apply a good degree of co-ordination to the efforts which you are making in the competition. Your objective now to embark on The Peoples Path project is an ambitious one and in view of the very pleasant location it is an appropriate one for the area.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The buildings in and around the village continue to be well maintained. It is noted that the buildings, houses, business premises etc. are presented in a manner which blends with the local environment generously. The business premises in the village, licensed premises, shops etc. are tastefully maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

As you suggest a considerable amount of colour has been added to the village by the construction of flower beds and this does enhance the village overall. It is however suggested that your programme for the future should make provision for planting of a more permanent nature. There is after all plenty of space within the village area for additional tree planting and such a planting programme would have a positively long term beneficial effect. It is noted in your plan that you are having discussions with Coillte with a view to creating new forest walks in forestry area near the village. This is a worthwhile project and should be pursued.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

In your plans for the village it is encouraging to note that you are taking the wildlife aspect of your location into consideration, particularly since habitats are provided for many wildlife species in the immediate vicinity. The proximity of the lake to the village is very advantageous for the development of the wildlife aspect of your programme. The list which you provide with your entry showing the variation of wildlife species which frequent Rostellan Lake over the Winter period is most interesting and demonstrated the great wildlife asset which the community has on its door step. Your objective in having the lake declared a Protected Habitat makes a lot of sense.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The effort to control litter throughout the village has generally been well maintained this year. There was a small amount of litter in the immediate area of the Wildlife Display Board; it is suggested that a litter bin be provided here as it is one of the more focal points of interest in the

village.

### **TIDINESS**

There was generally a good degree of tidiness in the village. A good effort has been made to provide balance in the care and management of grass margins giving an overall tidy effect. The area around Aghada Pier was extremely tidy this year. There is in the centre of the village a very large boat, which seems to be disused; it is sited in a grassed area and at the time of adjudication there was very high weed growth in its immediate vicinity. If the vessel is being retained for any reason the area round about should be tidied up.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residents of the village do a very good job in maintaining houses and gardens in a very favourable manner. The houses are discretely decorated and are pleasant to look at. In many instances adjoining gardens are carefully attended to and such a combined effort makes a distinct contribution to the overall appearance of the village.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The Ceard Mile Failte and Slan Abhaile signs have been tastefully designed and have been put in position since last year. The roads leading to the village are well maintained. The new car parking area constructed near the Wildlife Hide is a welcome development and will be a useful facility in this area of the village. At the Aghada Pier area additional car parking space has also been provided. The red type telephone kiosk is attractive but would need to be repainted.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

If the Committee and the Community continue to work to the plan which you have drawn up for the competition considerable progress will be made in the future. In addition, the fact that you are co-operating with the different agencies can only serve to enhance your own efforts.