

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROCKCORRY**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	33
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	190	181

Rockcorry, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed questionnaire, map and Rockcorry Development Strategy which is an interesting read. The Tidy Towns effort features strongly and the recommendation that a plan be introduced is to the point as it will give you a new focus in relation to your future work programmes. Take this suggestion on board. Progress continues and the village impressed this adjudicator even allowing for the problem areas of dereliction.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

No significant change since last year's adjudication. McCormick's and the Take Away were eye catching in presentation in comparison with Mace where the plastic signs continue to be unattractive and untidy looking. The Post Office also looked well and the increasing number of floral displays brighten up the streetscape. Your efforts to improve the presentation of the row of terraced cottages on the Monaghan Road is commendable - continue to persevere with this cause and investigate the possibility of converting some into tourist self-catering accommodation as suggested in previous adjudication reports and in the new Strategy document.

LANDSCAPING

This continues to be the highlight of adjudication. A very high standard of maintenance, colour and selection of shrubs is the secret of your success under this heading. The rockery and planting in the village centre is superb and complements the many attractive stone buildings in that area. The pump (Newbliss Road) with seating, flower tubs and planting is very decorative but simple in presentation. Well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

What a pity you did not take the suggestion in last year's report to promote a wildlife project for the students of the Vocational School. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in enhancing the wildlife value of your area. A good starting point would be to identify wildlife habitats and see what species of animals, birds etc these attract. The educational aspect of such an exercise would also benefit the students. Give wildlife a priority in your work programme for next year.

LITTER CONTROL

The village was almost completely free of litter on adjudication day; well done. Obviously the new bin trolley is of great help in this regard and proving a worthwhile purchase. Improve the presentation of your litter bins and standardise the presentation of same. A good performance again this year. Well done to all.

TIDINESS

Rockcorry is steadily developing a tidy appearance despite the

derelict building on the Monaghan Road and the poor presentation of the Maple Ballroom and its environs. The centre of the village is stunning in presentation and deserves looking after.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The old estate houses in the centre of Rockcorry are impeccable in presentation as are many of the well presented and nicely landscaped bungalows on the outskirts of the village. The Square is improving in presentation and the well maintained flower beds are nicely planned and have good presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Congratulations on tackling the old cottages and the old house on the Monaghan Road. Improvements to their appearance will help the streetscape considerably. The new paving and street lights make a huge difference and create an air of tidiness that was lacking previously. All other approach roads were well presented with the Cotehill Road outstanding. Congratulations to all residents. The new stone wall at the entrance to Rockcorry Waste Water Treatment Plant looks well. A good performance here is rewarded with an increase in marks.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There is obviously a desire within the community to build on your success to-date and in this regard the proposals in Section 8 of the Development Strategy Document are pointing you in the right direction. There are many opportunities for funding now available to you to assist in the implementation of these proposals. Seek the advice of your County Enterprise Board or Tourism Officer in finding out more about these incentives. As stated in last year's report solve the problem of disused buildings and you can go very far in the National Tidy Towns Competition. A good performance this year. Well done.