

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **FOUR ROADS-TISRARA**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	8	8
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	14
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>151</b>

## **Four Roads - Tisrara, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Four roads - Tisrara is welcome to the 1997 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed questionnaire and sketch map. The ancient cemetery and medieval church is magnificently restored and is a valuable asset not only to the community but to the nation as well. It is suggested that an interpretive panel or other information facility be provided both at the roadside entrance to the site and in the village centre to encourage visitors to take the journey to visit the site.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The new community sports building at the community park together with the perimeter stone walls and landscaped areas and carpark is a valuable addition to the building stock of this tiny historic village. The school looks well but its weather stained boundary wall needs to be cleaned and/or painted. Both 'Coyle's' and 'Mooney's' might be freshened for next year's presentation. The derelict building is an important focal point in the villagescape and an important element of the building stock of the town. No efforts should be spared to have it refurbished. Are there plans for boundary treatment at the community centre like that which is featured to the roadside boundary of the church? A stone flowerbed here displaying shrubs as well as flowers might be appropriate. Don't forget to remove all the building materials when construction work has ceased. Some walls at the top of the Athleague road could be cleaned or painted while other walls could be planted with a climbing plant. The stained glass windows of the church are quite magnificent and are a handsome feature, not only of the building but of the village also. At least one of the petrol pumps could be upgraded.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Landscaping at the community park is very beautiful. The grass verge to the boundary wall of the sports ground is being well maintained. Some trees might be planted to soften the impact of outbuildings which are visible on entering the village from the Ballygar road. Perhaps a seated amenity area can be developed near the site of the Megalithic tomb or dolmen beside the community centre. Other incidental sites could be provided with public seating as no seated areas were noted during adjudication.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

A wildlife survey of the village and its immediate environs is suggested before embarking upon a wildlife project. Wildflower displays on verges of approach roads may be considered in the future as a suitable project.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is quite good, well done! Try to improve upon this standard throughout the year.

## **TIDINESS**

The remains of building material i.e. mounds of stone chippings should be removed when construction work has finished as these can become a permanent feature of the landscape. The large two storey blue building at the crossroads in the heart of the village is in an unfortunate state of repair; hopefully this will be refurbished at some stage in the future. Some side and back areas remain to be tidied up, in addition to some forecourt areas etc. None of these present a serious problem but nonetheless improvements will need to be made to progress further in the competition.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The majority of private dwellings look well. However, a few boundary walls are in need of attention. Residents might be asked to take responsibility for the roadside areas bounding their properties.

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

The old stone walls along approach roads should be revealed and restored and highlighted as an attractive feature of the village as these are very beautiful when reconstructed. Dry, rather than "pointed" stone walls are suggested.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The general impression of Four Roads - Tisrara is favourable. More information should be supplied at a central area in the village regarding your heritage to encourage visitors to enjoy it. Hopefully some brochures will be prepared on the village and these will be left in tourist centres around the country. Thank you for your continued participation in the competition.