

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNOCKVICAR**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	19	18
The Built Environment	40	16	15
Landscaping	40	17	16
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	9
Litter Control	40	24	23
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	20
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>133</b>

## **Knockvicar, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Knockvicar is a very beautiful village located in picturesque countryside with hills forming a backdrop and Lough Key, the forest park and the marina all within walking distance. The Miners Walk is an important feature also. For such a tiny village there is a plethora of amenity developments to enjoy. Thank you for the completed questionnaire and sketch map, both facilitated adjudication. A work programme for the next three or five years? If so do let us have a photocopy of the main features of the work programme with next year's application.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The majority of buildings within Knockvicar are well presented; however, a rusted roof which can be seen beyond the bridge in Knockvicar needs to be upgraded as a matter of urgency. The Post Office looks well. Well done on the work of the Fas scheme regarding stone wall construction. Be sure to keep them clear of excess growth and weeds etc.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaped area at the bridge was in full bloom during adjudication and looked well. The small traffic island/signpost area in the centre of the village could now be landscaped together with the road junction at the Crossna/Ballinafad road. The small green traffic island at the Crossna/Keadue/Knockvicar junction should be highlighted as a feature. The long grass around the newly planted young trees on the grass verge from the main road in towards the village should be removed as it is difficult to see the young trees inside their tree guards with the presence of this overlong grass.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Knockvicar is ideally located to do well under this heading due to its waterside location and its location on a Waymarked Way. Perhaps some aspect of the wildlife of these attractions could be featured in the presentation of the village. The access point from the bridge to the river Boyle is a welcome amenity development and facilitates the enjoyment of the river.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

It was a good idea to acquire the skip from Roscommon County Council as the village and its environs were very clean during adjudication.

### **TIDINESS**

A site on the Cootehall road looked a little untidy with its open storage of building materials e.g. stone chippings, overgrown areas and the presence of dumped items. A few areas looked somewhat untidy due to excess growth and the remains of building materials (stone chippings) being abandoned. The latter will probably grow weeds in time.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residential properties look particularly well. One or two boundary walls just need to be freshened by painting for next year's competition.

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

Approach roads into Knockvicar look especially well with their nicely trimmed grass verges. The entrance to the Tara Marina is most attractive. It is suggested that the old stone walls on both sides of the road into Knockvicar from this area be exposed and restored. As the small traffic island located on the Crossna/Keadue junction is only a half a mile from the village, it should be incorporated into the village under this heading and highlighted as an attractive feature of Knockvicar. The verge on the right hand side of the road coming in from the main road is underdeveloped in stretches and some stretches of the stone wall on the left hand side of the road need to be refurbished and cleared of excess growth. The footpath at the bridge could be refurbished. When this is being undertaken, take care to retain the existing kerbstones as these are attractive.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Knockvicar is favourable due to its solitude, its magnificent location and of course the quality of its presentation.