

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TARMONBARRY**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	20	19
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	16	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	170	163

Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Tarmonbarry is a beautiful village located on the banks of the Shannon at the boundary between two counties. It has high amenity value given the quality of the presentation of the river bank, the excellent presentation of the built environment, the beautiful landscaping on approach roads and in the village centre, the lack of overhead wirescape and the attractive street furniture and lampposts. It really is a great pleasure to spend some time in your beautiful village. Thank you for your completed questionnaire and sketch map; next year you might furnish us with details of your work programme. If you do not have one, don't be hesitant about drawing one up. It does not need to be prepared professionally; all that is necessary is for someone with a good eye for detail to walk around the village to see what jobs need to be done, write them down and decide in what year each project will be accomplished. This is a better approach for the overall development of the village than carrying out projects in isolation from each other.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Well done on your success regarding the elimination of plastic signs on shopfronts. The Lodge Bar and Lounge looks really well. Numerous new stone walls are a tremendous asset and make a significant contribution to the built environment of the village. The Garda Síochána property is in need of attention; however flower displays here and on other properties in the village centre are most colourful on a grey July day.

LANDSCAPING

A huge amount of work has been undertaken under this category. There are many young trees planted throughout the village and on approach roads and in time these will form an important part of the heritage for future generations. Shrubs are maturing well. Those located to the roadside of the sports grounds are quite new by their appearance; in time as they develop they will take the bare look from the carpark here. You might consider the planting of hedgerow along the wire and post fencing on the left hand side of the road inside the nameplate on the Strokestown entrance. The grotto development is really beautiful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The landscaped riverside picnic area is admirable and a welcome addition to the recreational and amenity facilities which Tarmonbarry has to offer. Being located on the banks of Ireland's most famous river, the village must have a flourishing and varied wildlife. An appropriate place to start under this heading might be to conduct a wildlife survey to establish what wildlife exists, perhaps to create wildlife zones ranging from most sensitive to least sensitive and then in future years to select projects based on the findings of this survey. The purpose of the undertaking is to feature the wildlife as an important element of the village and to celebrate it.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is quite good, well done in this respect. Your daily litter collection obviously pays dividends. There are a few untidy back areas and side areas and some outbreaks of weed growth were noted also. There are no major problems under this heading, nonetheless some work does need to be accomplished.

TIDINESS

The outbuildings behind the residential property located just beside Keenan's are untidy and stand in sharp contrast to the excellent presentation of the riverside area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private dwellings throughout the village on approach roads are generally well presented. There are no serious problems under this heading. A good presentation.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges on the Strokestown approach road need to be kept shorter to feature tree planting here to its full advantage. The nameplate is well presented. Street furniture looks well, particularly signposts, all are in a very good state of repair and presentation. Lampstandards on the bridge and indeed throughout the village look exceptionally well and it is good to note the absence of wirescape crossing the road. At some stage in the future the riverside carpark will be resurfaced as it is quite badly potholed. The old signs for the lodge on the road leading down to the harbour should ideally be removed altogether. If signs are thought to be necessary then at least these should be upgraded or replaced with good quality signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Tarmonbarry is excellent and it's presentation is such as to entice the visitor or the travelling public to stay and spend some time in the village.