

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RIVERSTOWN**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	17	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	179	176

Riverstown, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your developmental proposals over the next five years are praiseworthy. The idea of submitting photographs of how the developmental areas are today and line drawings of how they will look after development should make the residents of Riverstown very anxious to have them implemented as soon as possible. There is a good community spirit in Riverstown and hopefully some of this will be channelled into helping the Tidy Towns Committee in their endeavours to enhance this pleasant rural village. Thanks are due to the Committee for returning the questionnaire and all the various diagrams and maps. These were most helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland had as usual a very high standard of presentation. The National School buildings and grounds looked well as did the stone school building in the village square with its nice lawns. The fence here could be replaced by a stone wall in keeping with the ambience of the area. The Family Butcher premises with its flower boxes and seating is lovely. The new paved pathways were most attractive and should be included throughout the village where possible. The efforts by some of the business premises to add a bit of colour to the village with a display of hanging baskets, flower tubs and window boxes is exemplary. More of this please, where appropriate. The Post Office is a fine building. The Health Board building on the Ross Road needs its walls repainted. Boyd's has a bright and cheerful exterior with nice flower tubs. Quigley's looked well but should remove the gas cylinders from the footpath. The Corner House still had its plastic sign. The N.C.F. Building has some unsightly sheds at the rear and some dumping was noticed at the front. There is a lot of dereliction on the Ballygawley approach and the old Church and shed on the right is, as last year, very badly in need of attention. The petrol pump and derelict house on the Sligo approach is, hopefully, going to receive some attention with the new home being built beside it. The Blackthorn is still maintaining its high standard.

LANDSCAPING

The standard of landscaping throughout Riverstown is very attractive and generally maintained to a very high standard. The Square has some very nice shrubby beds. The well with its stone surround, flower beds and lawn is a nice entrance to the town from Sligo. The Agricultural & Heritage Museum looks well. The stonework here and at the bridge is really outstanding. The suggestion of a picnic area in this vicinity in last year's report is still a good idea.

Nice walls and flower beds were noted at the car park, opposite the Corner House. Some dumping was noticed here. Nice shrubby beds were seen in the Church grounds on the Lough Arrow approach. The flower beds on the Ross Road at the Estate are neglected.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is nice to see that you are paying attention to both rivers by making sure that river beds are kept clean and free of debris. There is scope for the development of a nature trail possibly in the vicinity of the Agricultural Museum which would identify wildlife habitats and the flora and fauna of Riverstown.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was very evident on the Ballygawley approach, at the small car park opposite the Corner House, opposite the Vocational School, in the village centre and at Ross Road. Your Plan mentions additional litter bins and this is a good idea. Be very vigilant in this regard. The control of litter is a high priority.

TIDINESS

The stonework throughout the town and its environs contributes greatly to the overall appearance of the town. The area of the Tennis Court (highlighted in your Plan) really is an eyesore and the sooner development work is carried out the better. Apart from this the Town Centre has a very tidy appearance.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the houses on the approach roads have a excellent presentation, particularly on the Arrow Road and on the road past the Garda Barracks. Beautiful gardens, brightly painted houses, floral displays, shrubby beds and lovely walls were the order of the day. A credit to all concerned. The estate on the Ross Road is poorly presented. The green area had been cut but the grass cuttings had not been removed. Flower beds were in poor condition. The presentation of the houses was mixed. An abandoned car was also noticed and litter was very prevalent.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads, apart from Ballygawley approach, were well presented. Treeplanting and verges were neatly trimmed. As already stated there is a lot of dereliction on the Ballygawley approach. It ruins the entrance to Riverstown and serious attention will have to be devoted to it. The Town Name sign here, as mentioned last year, should be replaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your overall detailed Plan for Riverstown when it starts to come into effect will hopefully be an inspiration to the

community and help them to address problem areas. Keep up the good work.