

Tidy Towns 1997

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROSSES POINT**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	22	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	--
Litter Control	40	21	--
Tidiness	20	12	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	5	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Rosses Point, County Sligo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome back to the National Tidy Towns Competition. It is noted that there are only three new members on your Committee, but hopefully this will increase in time. The marking system has been changed and this year all Tidy Towns Committees are required to produce a plan which will guide their Tidy Town activities. You will be expected to submit this next year. Thanks are due to the committee for returning the questionnaire and map. Please note that the marking system has fundamentally changed since you last entered the competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Many of the commercial buildings are presented to a high standard. Niftys Bunker has an extremely attractive appearance with its hanging baskets, seating and lovely garden. Other buildings which caught the eye were the Moorings (nice floral display and boundary wall), Hackett's (car park needs re-surfacing), Austies, the Yeats Country Hotel and the County Sligo Golf Club (presentation is exemplary). The Catholic Church was freshly painted and the graveyard opposite was well maintained. The Church of Ireland and grounds were also very presentable. The Yacht Club looks very well; however, litter was very noticeable on the Boat Forecourt. The Garda Station and grounds are also praiseworthy.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The approach road from Sligo as you approach the Village is set off by a beautiful stone wall, marred by grass growing at its verges. The promenade with its green area, shrubbery, seating, fencing and trees is most spectacular. The footpath has grass growing on it and the grass is growing wild in the spaces on the promenade wall. The green area with its shrubbery area at the top of the village is well presented and maintained. Some landscaping is required in the area of the harbour. Your new plan should identify areas in this regard.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is a new concept in the Tidy Towns Competition. The Committee have located areas of conservation which they intend to protect. The beach area has been identified by Sligo County Council and perhaps a meeting with the Council could lead to the development of other areas of conservation. The scenic walk was marred somewhat by litter in the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter was clearly evident on the approach road from Sligo. Litter was also clearly visible at the green area on the sea

front and the grassy area at the sea wall. Many of the litter bins here require attention. The harbour area had a litter bin full to overflowing. This whole area is most unsightly. There are a number of open spaces on the high street through the village where litter is very prevalent. The nice wooden litter bins in the vicinity of the beach are also in need of attention. This problem which should be given priority in your new development programme.

### **TIDINESS**

The main road has a very tidy appearance. There are a number of open green areas which need attention. The harbour area is most untidy with its overgrown green areas and derelict house. A small cottage near Niftys Bunker has some litter and grass growing wild. There is a neglected green area beside Hacketts and a most unsightly building on the hill in the vicinity of the car park. The rowing boat with its floral display looked very much uncared for.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the houses in Rosses Point are extremely well presented with lovely gardens, floral displays, excellent boundary walls or fences and many an eyecatching design. The cottages near the golf club are most attractive, a credit to all concerned.

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

The approach road from Sligo (apart from the litter) is outstanding as is the seafront and promenade. The verges on both sides of the road to the beach need attention. Many of the roads leading up to the main street have poor surfaces and equally poor verges.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

More community involvement is required if the new committee is to achieve success for Rosses Point in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Have a plan prepared for next year and get everyone in the village involved in its preparation. Well done.