

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSSADREHID**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	29	30
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	212	208

Rossadrehid, County Tipperary SR

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Another splendid entry, indicative of the wide Community support and involvement you have engendered among the people in Rossadrehid. Compliments are extended to all involved in this delightful presentation. Thank you for the completed questionnaire, together with a copy of the Village Improvement Work Programme 1994-1998. The centre features a superb presentation of various natural amenity areas focused on and straddling the River. Please do not neglect the 2 fine stone bridges on the Mitchelstown road whose historic plaques should be re-pointed and repainted. Be careful with the decorations you provide that they are appropriate and natural within their settings. In this context we might query the appropriateness of the small artificial wells and buckets on the approach roads.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The feature of this essentially rural location is the fine rubble walls some of which have appropriate top planting in addition. The village store was very well presented with flowering baskets. The treatment of the Creamery, in all the circumstances, is very appropriate and successful. Its surroundings must await another day for a final solution.

LANDSCAPING

The Grotto was very well presented, neat and tidy. However the real strength and delight of the centre is the series of picnic areas straddling the River, each excelling the other in the charm of their presentation, the quality of their maintenance and the range of their facilities including picnic table and boxed-in litter bin. Even the telegraph poles have been painted to merge. This is a really splendid presentation and a credit to all involved. Cahir road planting is exceptionally good. Unhappily some traffic had driven over the well presented verges on the approach from Mitchelstown.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The use of the River as a focal point for the village presentation is ideal and skilfully executed. Particularly pleasant was the seating areas by the River with picnic tables. Perhaps one or more might be singled out for specific development as wildlife habitats. The provision of native, berry bearing plants, nesting table and feeding table with, in due course, perhaps the installation of explanatory boards is suggested.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management, as to be expected was of a very high order. The large litter bins, in suitable timber containers that have been provided in each picnic area are most appropriate. A litter bin in the centre of the village seemed to be in urgent need of servicing as it was already overflowing.

TIDINESS

A delightful air of neatness pervades the area. Do have regard to the need to provide a clear-cut division between the road and the kerbs as suggested in Anne O'Leary's report. Strive at all times to achieve that degree of suitability to the rural setting you enjoy. The ironwork on some of the bridges will need attention over the next year or two.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing stock in Rossadrehid is finite, but what there is has been superbly well presented. Rose Arch was particularly good, featuring a fine garden as was Muskry Cottage. The houses on the Cahir road were very well presented as was the private house opposite the Creamery. Many houses featured splendid window boxes and hanging baskets which added to a delightful sense of colour and movement.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Inevitably in a small centre it is necessary to concentrate considerably on the approach roads. Important also is to secure a logical start point, for example, the bridge on the Mitchelstown road as a clear division between surrounding rural countryside and the village itself. This has been achieved with considerable success. Signage on all approach roads is clean, well presented and appropriately painted. In many cases the strength of Rossadrehid is the superb presentation of its approach roads and this has been done to a very high order.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Another delightful entry from one of our most energetic centres. Congratulations are extended to all associated with this entry!

SECOND ADJUDICATION (6/8/97)

Rossadrehid is an attractive village set as it is in the magnificent scenery of the Glen of Aherlow against the spectacular backdrop of the Galtee Mountains. The buildings of the town were well presented on the second adjudication day, with the simply presented Post Office/Village Store displaying magnificent window boxes and hanging baskets filled with colourful petunias. The landscaped areas of the village were carefully and simply presented creating amenity spaces adjacent to the waterside and using the river as the focus for the village as noted by the first adjudicator. The approach roads to the village were neat in their presentation and the wild ferns in the verges were admired. Houses throughout were well presented - local residents obviously showing a great pride in the presentation of their properties, with magnificent gardens and neatly clipped hedges. Road signage throughout was very fresh although one or two poles showed evidence of fly posting which should be discouraged. A good effort all around!