

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROCKCORRY**  
County : **MONAGHAN**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 27-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	24	22
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	10
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>190</b>

## **Rockcorry, County Monaghan**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map, and your plans for 1998. They were very helpful. As you stated in your plans you have indeed taken on some important projects with continued success. As mentioned in last years report, you are requested to include a proposed long term work programme for the village as part of the competition entry. A concise 3/5-year plan outlining achievable targets for the committee, will help focus your work in the future, and your progress to date proves that you can both plan and achieve.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Many of the commercial and public buildings in the village were once again well maintained and presented. The Health Centre, Take - Away, Post Office, and McCormicks, all looked well, the attractive floral presentations added to the streetscape. Both Churches and their grounds also looked well, similarly the schools and Orange Hall, also were attractively presented. Campbells is a focal point from all approaches, but has an untidy presentation, and needs its paint refreshed. Rockcorry has a particular industrial heritage, which has left a number of distinctive buildings throughout the Village. Some of these attractive buildings are now derelict. Dereliction is a challenge faced by many Tidy Town entrants, and the Committee has shown continued efforts to tackle some of interesting feature buildings in the village. The old building opposite the Orange Hall, looks untidy, but, the adjudicator noted your continued efforts with the adjoining buildings, and your hard work on the Tea Pot Row Cottages is to be commended. They look very well, and the mural feature is progressing and will add another facet to the village. An appropriate fence or screen would hide the back area of the cottages visible from this point. This adjudicator also hopes the committee is considering previous year's comments on converting some of the cottages in to self -catering accommodation. The approach area to the water treatment plant looked very well, with an attractive wall and sign.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscapes features and trees throughout the Village and on the approach roads, were both well cared for, and beautifully presented. The Pump House area, and Flax Hole area on the Newbliss Road looked very well, with an attractive sign. The stone and brick planter on this road, which compliments the building in the area, is very effective. The Pipe flower features are certainly innovative, and the window boxes and floral features throughout the village were lovely, enhancing the whole streetscape. The green area was very attractive. Please make sure you paint the junction box as well as the pump features. Your plant tunnel is very far seeing and shows great commitment. It also offers an

opportunity to propagate your perennial shrubs for year round colour and content in your flower beds and landscape features. A lot of hard work in evidence. Well done.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The adjudicator noted your wild life area, and good luck with its development. It will offer plenty of opportunities to utilise the grass areas, trees and hedgerows on the site. Work with the local relevant authorities, schools and local wildlife experts to develop this important area.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was almost no litter in evidence on the day of adjudication. You have taken note of last years report and your bins are well presented. Watch out for litter accumulating in alleys or open spaces in the village. Some litter was evident in the small alley by the Orange Hall. A good performance again this year, well done to all.

## **TIDINESS**

The overall impression of was one of general tidiness, apart from the derelict sites previously mentioned. The attractive landscaping and well maintained premises contributed to this impression. The work at the Maple Ballroom is commendable, and this adjudicator hope you will continue your efforts around the side of the building on the Newbliss Road, and with the other Hall opposite the Garda Station. Remain conscious of keeping backyard areas, and alleyways tidy or screened with appropriate fences and gates. The gates past the Presbyterian Church on the Castleblayney Road, need some attention. The black boards on the derelict stone building on the Newbliss Road were effective.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the houses throughout the village and on the approach roads, were very well presented, with attractive hedges, lawns and flower features. The old estate houses in the village also looked very well again this year.

## **ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

All the approach roads looked very well, with attractive landscaping and well-maintained verges and hedges. The Newbliss road looks particularly well. The new approach road signs will also look well on completion. The footpaths and lampposts along with the flower features enhance the whole village area.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This adjudicator was impressed with hard work and commitment

of the Rockcorry Committee, and community in developing their attractive Village, which has great potential to progress in the National Tidy Towns Competition. Last year's comments in this area regarding funding and tackling the challenge of derelict buildings still apply. An impressive performance, well done to everyone involved and keep up the good work.