

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FOUR ROADS-TISRARA**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	24	22
Tidiness	20	9	8
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16	15
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	167	158

Four Roads - Tisrara, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Four Roads-Tisrara is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed entry form and map. We look forward to seeing the outline proposals as contained in the general Development Plan coming to fruition. We recommend that the plan identify yearly commencement dates and the time spans envisaged for the various works involved, this would assist adjudicators in assessing progress and more importantly help focus the community and other bodies involved. Well done on winning the Heritage Award in 1997 for the Tisrara Medieval Church and Graveyard, hopefully the recommendations in last years report regarding interpretative panels to encourage visitors to visit the site will be implemented.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The work on the derelict building in the centre of the village is noted. Due to its pivotal location it is vital that the remedial work is properly completed. The Church and grounds, Hall and Community Park and school grounds looked well. Base of stone walls should be monitored and keep weed free, however, it is noted that some walls in the village were being kept clear of weeds etc. The old broken fuel pump in the village should made a feature or removed. The flower arrangements on the properties in the centre of the village looked well and added to the streetscape. When completed the building works on the stone premises in the centre of the village on the Mount Talbot road will look well. The old cemetery was well presented and maintained and an asset to the area. It is important that the current effort in improving the centre of Four Roads be maintained if the village is to keep progressing well in the competition.

LANDSCAPING

The hanging baskets at the school were well maintained and looked well, the stone walls in this vicinity added character to this end of the village. Some planting in and around the Community Centre should be considered. The shrub, flower and grass area at the sports park looks well and the inclusion of the old school name tablet is a novel idea

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The recommendations regarding wildlife and natural amenities in last years report should be considered for implementation. A wildlife survey of the immediate environs would be a good start, perhaps the local school could consider it as a project, the findings could be displayed at a suitable location for the enjoyment of all the community.

LITTER CONTROL

There did not appear to be a litter problem on adjudication day, well done. It is important that this is maintained and litter is monitored throughout the year.

TIDINESS

Side and rear areas open to view should be tidied up or screened off, the blue property continues to take from the village and hopefully in time it will be rectified as this effects the tidiness factor of Four Roads. The weed free base of signs and trees in the centre of the village adds to the tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of owners of residential properties are making an effort, some boundary walls and immediate areas outside houses should be attended to. There are a number of gardens that are being well maintained and look well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Tall grass should be kept under control especially on road side verges as it takes from the visual impact of stone walls and at times hinders street furniture. Any tall grass and weeds appearing behind walls around the village should be cut back. On the Mount Talbot approach road the high grass on the roadside should be cut back to improve this entry to the village in addition to exposing the stone walls. The Athleague and school approach roads to the village looked well. The approach road prior to the Church had some tall grass verges which partly covered the signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

We look forward to visiting Four Roads again. Given time and continued effort your village has the potential to advance well in the competition. Our suggestion for the moment is consider the village centre core, while maintaining what you have achieved. All the voluntary work and effort is showing, we wish you luck with your objectives, keep up the good work.