

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKCROGHERY**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	19	18
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	13	12
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	178	170

Knockcroghery, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Knockcroghery is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition, thank you for your completed entry form, outline map and copy of your Plan Update 1998. The village looked well on adjudication day, however, the areas as mentioned in this report and also those outlined in your own development proposals for implementation in the future should not be overlooked. Keep up the momentum and the good work, encourage the remaining residents to join in your efforts to further improve your village

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church and Grounds and Community Centre were tidy and well presented. The car park adjoining the Clay Pipe Bar was disappointing with beer bottles, litter on the ground and storage of top soil, even the shrub/flower beds contained some litter. The adjoining public car park was tidy. Side entrances and vacant plots between properties should be monitored and if possible screened off. While the majority of property owners are making a good effort to maintain their properties, other buildings require attention with some painting and general maintenance, the addition of flower boxes or baskets to a few more properties would make a big difference. The Claypipe Visitor centre, Petrol Station looked well as did Murrays on adjudication day.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout the village is very good, colourful and well presented, your comments regarding the sector towards the railway crossing is noted. The shrub and flower beds were well presented and colourful on adjudication day, well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As recommended in a previous report some of the information regarding the wildlife and the natural amenities in the immediate area should be made available to the visitor and the general community by way of suggested walks or information boards etc. The Ballyglass river is a fine natural amenity to the village and it is important that it is monitored for any litter etc. Please keep us posted as to any progress in this sector of the competition.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some evidence of litter along the main road outside O'Briens and along the street towards the Post Office. Litter control will have to be watched as it would appear to be slipping. Delivery truck drivers should also be encouraged to ensure they

maintain litter control when delivering to the various business properties in the village. The litter bin outside Murrays was full up and starting to overflow.

TIDINESS

The picnic area looked well, however the river alongside this area had some cans and bottles in it, a pity. The open parking areas, derelict and side plots will have to be watched otherwise marks will be lost. The addition of colour by way of painting and flower arrangements outside properties helps to give a tidy appearance but the remaining property owners must be encouraged to also participate in your efforts by at least painting their buildings.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As in previous reports some boundary walls still require attention, however the majority of residential property owners are making an effort and their properties look very well, the remaining few should be encouraged to do like wise.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads from Roscommon and Athlone looked very well and welcoming. The area in front of the stone walls, prior to the speed limit sign on the approach roads should be monitored for tall grass, any entry areas to property between these walls should also be kept clear of tall grass. The landscaping along the main approach roads is admirable. The Corbooly approach road proposals are noted, tall grass along the verges of the road should be monitored and the old cars should be removed from the side of the road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has the potential to go far in the competition and while all sectors of the village are important in this competition the centre core area is vital and improvements to the infrastructure in this area will be important for Knockcroghery and this competition in the future. We look forward to our next visit and good luck with your efforts in the coming year.