

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNOCKVICAR**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	19	19
The Built Environment	40	17	16
Landscaping	40	18	17
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>140</b>

## **Knockvicar, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Knockvicar is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition. A work programme/general development plan for the next three to five years would be welcome. It would assist the committee and the general community in focusing its efforts and help identify areas to tackle. Taken in conjunction with adjudicators reports the plan would assist Knockvicar in achieving better marks in the competition in the future, while further enhancing it for the benefit of its residents.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Post Office, cruiser area and the Tara Marina looked well. The restoration of old stone walls should be continued and maintained free of excess weed and overlong grass.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The occasional flower beds looked well especially the one located at the bridge. As mentioned in previous years the small centre island area at the intersection of the village and the road to Cootehall should be made a feature, as should the area at the intersection of the other roads on the Keadue approach.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Due to its location Knockvicar should maximise its natural amenities and wildlife, a plan should be drawn up to identify all aspects of the areas wildlife habitats and environment. The river stretch along the quay and bank is a fine amenity and adds to the enjoyment of the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

In general the village was litter free, however, some litter was to be found caught in up in the road side weeds and grass and this should be monitored for the future.

### **TIDINESS**

The remnants of the old black plastic bag should be removed from the pole at the bridge. Weed and grass growth at base of walls should be removed. The open area near the village on the Cootehall road still looks untidy and neglected, open areas should be monitored, tidied up or screened off.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The majority of residential properties and gardens look very well, the remainder should be encouraged to freshen up their properties

and maintain their front areas.

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

The approach from Boyle looked well, the tall grass margins especially at the base of the young trees should be cut back on this approach road, old stone walls should be repaired, grass and weeds attended to at some of the existing walls. The old dead grass and weeds that were sprayed should be removed from the bridge area. The approach road from Corrigenroe direction needs its road side verges attended to, the road verges and hedges on the Keadue approach road need to be cut back, a small section at the road intersection prior to the village had been cut back. A cutting programme to include overgrown road verges and hedges leading to the environs of the village should be implemented, this would assist in bringing the outlying areas together with the centre.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The impression of Knockvicar is one of a peaceful and pleasant nature due to its size and location on a river. There is more work to be done, the village has a lot going for it, work to a plan. The plan need not be sophisticated but a simple work programme with achievable goals over a number of years. We look forward to our next visit.