

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOUNT TALBOT**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	20	18
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	17	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	163	154

Mount Talbot, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Mount Talbot is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition, thank you for your completed questionnaire. As recommended in last years competition a simple work programme for a three to five period should be drawn up, this would help focus on and assist in identifying areas in the village to be tackled. For a small community on a very busy road you are doing a good job. However, it is important that a simple straight forward plan be drawn up, with yearly targets to be achieved.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The ball alley looked well as did the majority of premises in the village, well done. The school with its flower boxes looked well, but its grounds need some attention. Hopefully vacant properties will be tackled in the not to distant future. The repaired stone walls look well and it is important that any old walls throughout the village requiring repair are attended, exposed and kept free of weeds and tall grass. The water pump is a nice feature.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping in the vicinity of the picnic area and ball alley looked very well, well done to all concerned. In general the shrubs and flowers arrangements in the village all looked well. The tall grass and weeds behind some of stone walls should be attended to. The trees along the road looked well and when fully matured will enhance the area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Have the committee considered the addition of some wildflowers on the margins along the wider stretches of road. Due to the villages location a survey should be undertaken by perhaps the local school children to identify the wildlife and natural amenities of the immediate area and if possible provide and display the results for the wider community to enjoy.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no evidence of litter on adjudication day, the systems in place appear to be working, keep up the effort and well done. The litter bin at the ball alley was full and a small full plastic bag was left at the base of the wheel-a-bin.

TIDINESS

The village had an air of welcome and tidiness about it, the odd neglected buildings should be monitored and corrective action

taken before they become a problem for the village. At present the work put in by the community is showing results.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of residential properties are well presented with neat gardens, indeed some gardens were bright and colourful and presented to a high standard, well done. A few boundary walls need attention.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Ballygar and Roscommon approach roads to the village were fine. The road verges, especially on the Roscommon road, need cutting back. The sign on the Four Roads approach road should have its base area improved with a small feature. Any of the old stone walls should be exposed and repaired. The two tar barrels stored at the entrance to the old Church should be removed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are doing well for a small community with limited resources - being located on a very busy road network it cannot be easy. Well done and we look forward to our next visit.