

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROOSKEY**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	29	27
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	189	181

Roskey, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Roskey is welcome to the 1998 Tidy Towns Competition, thank you for your completed entry form and letter. It is advisable to attach a summary of the development plan with an update each year, we have noted the comments in your letter and this will assist the adjudication. It is obvious that the majority of the community are making an good effort in further improving their village and their efforts are bearing fruit. Roskey looked well on adjudication day, continue working to your yearly work plan, encourage those who may not be fully co-operating, in time they too will see the benefits to the local community of the Tidy Towns campaign. The village is progressing well but more work remains to be done, keep up the good work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The petrol filling station, Lounge on the Carrick on Shannon, Shannon Key West Hotel, Centra Supermarket, to mention a few, were all well maintained and colourful. It is important that all the business properties make that extra effort to ensure their properties are at least painted and with the addition of some flower boxes or baskets their properties would be transformed. The improvement to the walls in the village was noted, however a number of other boundary walls require painting. It is important that improvements to buildings or any new development be completed, especially the surrounding boundary areas of the property.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping by the Church and school was well maintained and looked well. The Hotel should consider utilising the upper floor exterior window metal frames for arrangements of flowers. The surrounds of the Hotel were nicely presented and added to the attractiveness of the village. In general the approach to landscaping in the village is good, it is important to continue with the landscaping work programme, also to consider the recommendations of previous reports as to the further use of trees and shrubs in the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We look forward to seeing your proposal come to fruition for part of the disused canal. We recommend a survey be undertaken of the wildlife and natural resources of the immediate hinterland of Roskey, this does not need to be very sophisticated. Perhaps the pupils of the school or local wildlife expert would undertake the project. The findings could be used as a base for future developments and made available for the benefit of the community and visitors.

LITTER CONTROL

There was no major evidence of litter on adjudication day, it is vital that constant monitoring of litter be maintained in order to maintain the standard achieved to date.

TIDINESS

The improvements were noted on the areas outlined for attention in last years report. Side and rear entrances, including storage areas, should be monitored and screened off where appropriate as they tend to cause problems if neglected.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of residential property owners are making a good effort with colourful gardens and well maintained houses, well done. A number of houses still require attention and the owners should be encouraged to at least paint them.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The scheme of road resurfacing and improvements to the footpaths improves the visual aspect of the village and assists the streetscape. The approach roads from Strokestown and Tarmonbarry were well maintained. The approach roads on the Leitrim side of the village looked very well, the ongoing work on the river bank improvements was noted. The fuel pumps on the quay area, Leitrim side, should be upgraded or replaced, the parking areas on both sides of the Carrick on Shannon/Longford road and the parking area on the quay, Roscommon side, looked well and were maintained to a high standard. Behind the boundary wall at the car park, opposite Irish Country Meats factory, should be considered for planting to assist the screening of this large open area. The two flower tubs were noted outside the entrance to the factory, however, the planting of a small number of trees in this area should also be considered. The area at the base of the village signs on the approach roads require some treatment of a standard nature ie stones or other suitable material if a maintained grass cut cannot be ensured, to control weeds and tall grass.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

We look forward to our next visit to Rooskey. The appearance of the village is improving with the passing of each year. It is important that the focus and efforts of all concerned is on the plan of work proposed for the next few years, as more work remains to be done. If the standard of presentation achieved to date is maintained and new projects are undertaken to further improve the village there should be no reason why Rooskey cannot progress well in the competition.