

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TARMONBARRY**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	31
The Built Environment	40	26	24
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	179	170

Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Tarmonbarry is a very pleasant village to visit with excellent views over the Shannon. It has a high amenity value and looked particularly attractive with the sun shining, the cruisers moored and going through the lock, and the swans swimming down river. The approach roads look well and the lack of overhead wires is a decided advantage.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Garda Barracks now looks very attractive with it's newly painted walls and the welcome addition of flower boxes. The two houses at the bridge which are newly painted mark a big improvement also - well done !

LANDSCAPING

Much has been done with this but some additional work needs to be done. Hedges on side roads could be cut back to the fences and areas outside walls of houses need to be weeded. Also grass and nettles on inside of wire fence could be cut back. New tree planting looks good. Grass verges on Longford side of village need attention - the Co Longford sign is partly obliterated. Houses on either side of side road near Co Longford sign are well maintained but could look even better by the addition of flower containers or hanging baskets. The verges on the road to Clondra should be cut back to reveal the nice stone walls. The area at the Tarmonbarry sign looks good but could be brightened up by the use of some focal point such as flowers. The road by the side of Keenan's looks good now as whitewashed buildings are an improvement. The picnic tables by the river are a nice addition. However stone walls could do with weeds being removed and grass cut. The flower containers at the Roscommon sign near Keenans should either be removed or replanted. Improvement work was going on in the car park at the lock and when this is completed this should improve what is already an attractive area.. Unable to see evidence of litter boxes in this area and the two seats near the lock could be repainted. Nice touch on house called Sli Na hAbhann - letter box with swans! The Shannon Bar sign in this area could be improved.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The cul-de-sac road to Atlantic Mills seems to be a nice walking road and this might be highlighted as an amenity. There was no evidence of a survey being undertaken on wildlife - this might be considered for the future. The many young trees planted throughout the village are coming on nicely and are a great addition to the landscape.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally very good - some litter in front of Shannon Bar which took from it's attractive aspect. Only saw two unobtrusive litter bins in village, maybe more should be available.

TIDINESS

Good overall but attention should be given to weeding and maintenance of verges throughout the area of the village. The outside of the GAA sports club now looks well but weeds on road outside and inside gates need attention. The plants in the cement trough in front of club need weeding and could be improved by the addition of some colour. The dedication plate at the Grotto had been smashed and statues there are showing some wear and tear. Otherwise it is a lovely feature.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

It is evident that the residents of Tarmonbarry are involved in their village development and the houses generally are well presented. The new shopfront at Crosby's looks very attractive and the signage is excellent. It was not open for business as work was taking place on the interior. Keenan's looks well as does the Shannon Bar with its attractive flower display. The old ballroom is still unsightly - hopefully something can be done about this in the future.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Attention should be given to verges and weeds, where appropriate. Street furniture and lights looking good and well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression is very good and it is obvious that the Committee are committed to continuing to improve the area - keep up the good work.