

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROSEMOUNT**  
County : **WESTMEATH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	12
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>198</b>

## **Rosemount, County Westmeath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your nicely coloured map. It was a great help to adjudicators. The village has a tremendous amount of stone walls and your work on the bird sanctuary is commendable. The village is long in aspect and the maintenance required is tremendous. Well done on your work this year.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The buildings were generally presented well though attention to detail is required in some cases. The church and grounds look well, though the gates needed painting. The community centre was fine - are the tennis courts being refurbished? Kelly's shop was satisfactory. The school looked well and displayed some fine window boxes. A suggestion that the pump should be painted one colour, preferably dark, and landscaping should be more permanent in nature rather than the tagetes which have performed poorly this year due to the poor summer. The pole beside the pump should be removed.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a tremendous amount of landscaping in Rosemount for the size of the village. The committee must all enjoy gardening - well done. The Streamstown approach road features all types of landscaping from simple seating to shrubby banks and grassy areas. A suggestion here would be to use a single colour for the seating on the Moate road - this will also require repainting before next year (possibly the same colour as the pump). There was good use of beech hedging to hide the fencing at the pump.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The bird sanctuary area was host to numerous wildflowers including orchids and primrose and was humming with life. In order to allow new trees grow well, do weed round their bases to allow moisture through. The bird sanctuary sign requires replacing. This sanctuary area needs to be assessed and a plan should be drawn up on how to enhance and manage it in the future. Private residences should be encouraged to have bird tables and bird houses to welcome the local bird population. Well done on work in this category.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Unfortunately there were several bits and pieces of litter around the village on the day of adjudication. As the village was presented to a high standard, this litter was quite noticeable. It is good to see

that you involve the school in your litter awareness campaigns.

## **TIDINESS**

The village was tidy and the approach roads leading into the village were particularly tidy. Building material should be cleared away when work is complete. Also when weeds have been collected and cleared they should also be disposed of in a compost heap. The carpark beside the community centre required clearing of piping and wiring though if work was being carried out requiring these, they should be cleared when work is complete.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many of the residences were presented to an extremely high standard. Some houses on the Dublin approach road were particularly attractive and one in particular which had a stream as part of the garden was attractive and unusual. Well done in this category.

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

There is a long lead in particular from the Streamstown approach. The stone walls have been well maintained. Do allow natural vegetation to grow on these walls as they are then part of the environment. There is also some fine and well kept fencing which looks well. The Ballymore road had a nice sweep of trees with (on the day of adjudication) baby rabbits leaping about the grass verges. The Dublin road was well cut back and tidy and the Moate road was reasonable. Do encourage wildflowers to percolate through the hedgerows and along the verges. This will however, require more selective cutting.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The impression of the village was good and it is progressing in the competition. Pay attention to detail; eradicate litter, keep areas tidy and look at the village in the context of the whole landscape and rurality of the area such as encouraging wildflowers. Good luck with work in the coming year.