

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BOYLE**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	34
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	27	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Boyle, Co Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Good to know that you are continuing to co-operate with the Local Authority, FAS, Shannon Development Tourism, Chamber of Commerce and local schools. The attached map giving details of ongoing works is helpful and it is presumed that at least some of these are as a result of the architectural students' survey.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Glad to know too that you are working with the ESB and Bord Telecom as streets would benefit greatly from ducting of unsightly electric and telephone wires. The first impression of the town coming from Frenchpark is disappointing as the Crescent is in need of a lot of development work. This could be made to match the other very attractive areas of the town but this would need a concerted effort by all the statutory bodies and residents of the area. The car park at the back of the Post Office and the pedestrian bridge now look well and it was good to see that work was ongoing on the stream and in the amusement park area as this could do with improvement. Some plastic signs are still in evidence and you should work towards eliminating these. The centre of the town is mixed as some buildings are in very good repair and some others still require work. King House is a very nice feature of the town but the outside is becoming weather damaged and could do with repainting. The old gatelodge at Frybrook House - now the Sole and Heal Restaurant - has been very attractively renovated and is a nice asset to the area as is the Family Life Centre building near King House.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Boyle Abbey and surrounds is beautiful and very well maintained and the river boardwalk is coming along nicely. Watch the litter here. The verges at the rear of houses need cutting back. The new stone seating here is good but you should have some litter bins nearby. The trees and shrubs at the side of Boyle Abbey near the GAA grounds look good but the picnic table and seat need attention. There are a lot of very nice flower/shrub features around the town such as the sculpture at the Sligo/Roscommon road apex and on the Ballina Road. The numerous hanging baskets add to the pleasant atmosphere created by the river and its environs.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The river is a very attractive feature and is very clean. Perhaps you might give some consideration - if this were

possible with the new weirs - to having some ducks, swans etc. on it. You should, as mentioned in the previous adjudicator's report, undertake a survey on the wildlife and fauna in the surrounding area. The gate at the old Rockingham Estate is a very attractive feature and the forest walk there looked interesting - more information about this would be welcome. Work at Frybrook House is ongoing and this building should be another valuable asset for the town when it opens to the public later in the year.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is still some litter around the town but it is showing improvement. This could be helped by the provision of more litter boxes especially at take-aways. Litter boxes at these sites should be cleared more often. Litter was also visible on the board walk and at the pleasure gardens. The Vietnam graffiti there should be removed.

### **TIDINESS**

There are still some derelict buildings around the town and these continue to take from the overall aspect. Do keep trying to persuade owners to improve and tidy up their area. Some perimeter house walls need painting. Verges on the approach roads, such as the Ballina Road need cutting and weeding is needed on the pavement edges.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A lot of effort is being made here. While some problems still exist, such as the rundown bungalow and overgrown garden in Forest Heights, it is good to know that the residents are taking care of their surroundings and, no doubt, in time will persuade all householders to improve. Well done to those making an effort!

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREA**

Some improvement here but more needed - keep up the good work.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Town continuing to improve but a lot more work is needed to bring the whole area up to the good standard set by Boyle Abbey and the river. Congratulations on the provision of a Calendar of Events.