

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNOCKCROGHERY**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	32
The Built Environment	40	18	19
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	14	13
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>178</b>

## **Knockcroghery, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Very encouraging to see the continuing enthusiasm in Tidy Towns. The village has excellent potential and as the 1998 plan update indicates, the community is actively involved its development. Much of the work planned for 1999 has or is in the process of being carried out. Some areas will prove difficult to overcome but progress is being made.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Apart from the Church which was well presented, there is no 'focal point' building in the village but rather, a terrace of commercial/residences which form the core. Presentation is mixed and not helped by debris thrown onto footpaths and buildings by passing traffic. The Clay Pipe Centre, Murrays, The Widow Pats and the Community Centre looked well. Houses opposite the Post Office have potential but some require restoration and painting. There was some gutter weed.

### **LANDSCAPING**

A fairly comprehensive programme of plantings has taken place at both the Athlone and Roscommon entrances to the village. The beds on the Athlone side displayed an attractive variety of shrubs and plants. These were generally satisfactory although the bark mulch tended to spread to the adjoining paths. Work was ongoing on footpaths on the Roscommon side resulting in disturbance of the flower beds. The heathers on display had passed their blossoming time. The picnic area is attractive with a nice selection of beech, chestnut and other broadleaved trees. Consideration should be given to installing an environmentally friendly barrier to protect children from passing traffic.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The picnic development at the river side is attractive. The flow of water is crystal clear and there is a small but interesting display of wildflower on the opposite bank. It is evident that bird and other wildlife are being attracted to the area.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Generally litter control is good with an adequate supply of litter bins. The bin at the river side amenity was overfull at time of inspection. There was some litter in the otherwise nicely laid out bed in Clay Pipe Bar car park. A small amount of litter was also evident in the public car park.

### **TIDINESS**

There is a problem albeit temporary, with tidiness associated with new housing developments and derelict sites. Unfinished frontages as at the

post office, and sand dumped outside the wall adjacent to the picnic area should be cleaned up. There is some kerb side weed along the walls of the car park. There is a line of timber screening near the village centre which needs painting and repair.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential areas on the approach roads to the village were generally attractively presented. In the 'core' of the village there was a variety of presentation, some of which needs to be addressed.

## **ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS**

On inspection day work was ongoing on approach roads from Roscommon and Athlone. When complete, the improvements will be seen, but in the meantime, difficulties remain. Signage clutter is evident at both locations. The approach to the Railway Station is 'littered' with rail sleepers, road surfacing materials etc. The layby in this area has damaged trees.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Some commendable work has been undertaken. It is recommended that a focused approach be taken to highlighting the core of the village through a planned colour scheme.