

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKVICAR**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	17	19
The Built Environment	40	17	17
Landscaping	40	19	18
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	9	10
Litter Control	40	23	25
Tidiness	20	10	11
Residential Areas	30	23	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	145	145

Knockvicar, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Knockvicar is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. It is good to know that you are working with Roscommon Co CI and FAS but since the Tidy Towns entry form is only partly filled in it is difficult to assess progress. You should try to prepare a simple plan of works for the next 3/5 years to help you and your Committee to focus on needed development and you should submit this with a completed entry form in time for next year's adjudication.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Some business premises and householders are making an effort but quite a number, such as the house on the left by the bridge on the road from Carrick, need painting. The factory premises by the bridge and fronting onto the Coothall Road is unsightly as is the premises opposite which is surrounded by rubble. The boundary walls of a number of houses could also do with repainting. The view of the lake/marina is attractive. The gateway to Riversdale farmhouse is impressive but the road signs to the lake and marina nearby are not good as the indication pole is rusted. Also the sign to the lake should show the distance. There is also a derelict portocabin on this road which is surrounded by weeds and this takes away from the pleasant aspect of the road. The marina is generally well maintained but could be improved by the provision of some landscaping/flowers. The Mooring's Car Park is nice but could do with some weeding.

LANDSCAPING

There is a nice feature at the Knockvicar road sign at the bridge. The triangles at the sign with Keadue/Knockvicar/Crossna and the Lough Arrow sign could be used as focal points by the use of flowers there. There is some nice tree planting in evidence and wildflower verges. It is good to see some of the old walls repaired but others need to be done such as on the Coothall Road near the private marina.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The riverbanks look good but again, these could be made more of a feature. There is a sign for 'deer crossing'. Tell us about them. As suggested by last year's adjudicator, you should try to identify all the natural amenities and wildlife in the area and draw up a simple plan to maximise the benefits from these.

LITTER CONTROL

Good. Keep it up.

TIDINESS

The verges in some areas were being treated with weedkiller on the day of the inspection visit. This is fine but do remember to remove the residue. The pavements by the bridge are broken and need weeding and the piled up road work rubble on the Carrick Road should be removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREA

Some houses are making quite an effort and these should be commended. You should concentrate on trying to encourage the others to improve.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

A number of houses need painting as do boundary walls. The derelict houses should be tackled.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Knockvicar has a lot of potential and you should work on achieving this. Good luck with the work.