

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOUNT TALBOT**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	23	21
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	21	20
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	19	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	171	163

Mount Talbot, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Mount Talbot is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for the entry form. It is good to know that you are working with Roscommon Co Co and with the local school. However, as recommended in earlier Adjudicators' reports you should try to draw up a simple plan covering the next 3/5 years and work towards achieving this.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are good stone walls on the approach road from Four Roads-Tisrara and the buildings in the village are generally well maintained but one sign on the Hairdressers is broken and the remaining sign should be replaced. You might contact Bord Telecom to see if the telephone lines crossing the village could be 'ducted' - there did not seem to be any public lighting. The information map at the handball alley is good, the trees there are maturing nicely and the picnic area nearby looks well but the wooden table could be re-varnished. The road surface has a number of potholes and there is an abandoned trailer there. There is one derelict house and machinery yard in the village but there is a planning permission sign on it and it is hoped that this will be improved in time. The school is very well maintained and a big effort has been made there by way of painting and shrub planting. The principal and pupils should be congratulated. However, a watch should be kept for weeds at the base of the gate and it could be repainted. There is a lovely garden with hanging baskets next door and the P.O. also looks well. It is a pity to see the old church and graveyard in such poor repair though it was possible to access it.

LANDSCAPING

A big effort being made by the school and residents and the flowers at the village pump by the cross roads to Ballygar/Roscommon look well. Some flowers could also be featured at The Mount Talbot sign by the old church.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The River Suck is a nice feature and could be made very attractive. It would immediately help if the two barrels in the river were removed. There is good access by way of wooden steps for fishermen but it might be possible to provide a picnic area on the river banks and easier access for those less able bodied. There seemed to be some bird life there which you might research and try to encourage. Some ducks or swans

would be a nice addition. There are two nice stone entrances in the village which seem to have belonged to an old demesne, one near the handball alley and the other on the Roscommon Road. These could be greatly improved by having the gates painted. The Suck Valley walks are well signposted.

LITTER CONTROL

Generally good except on main road where there was some litter scattered around - we appreciate that this can be difficult to control but with help from the local residents and school children it can be kept in check. The wheelie bin at the handball alley is fine but the other bin is looking a little battered and could be replaced.

TIDINESS

Watch for weeds at base of bridge, around car park area and at base of boundary walls in village residences. Old machinery yard unsightly and broken sign at the Hairdressers need attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residential properties are well maintained and are making a good effort and some have lovely gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Generally well maintained but the road surface at the car park could be improved and the earlier suggestion of planting wildflowers on the wider stretches of road might be considered.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The community of Mount Talbot is obviously working together and you should concentrate on your weak spots and try to eliminate them. Well done and continue the good work.