

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROOSKEY**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194	189

Rooskey, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form and welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. It would be helpful if you attached a summary of your development plan with each entry as it would make it easier to assess progress. However, it is good to know that you are working with Roscommon and Leitrim County Councils, FAS, Dochas and other local organisations. Also it is good to see that so many premises are making an effort to improve and continued local co-operation will make a big difference to the village in time to come.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The approach from Longford is very pleasant as the verges are cut back to show the wild flowers. There is a new bungalow built on this road and, while the landscaping is not yet completed, no doubt this will be done soon. The street lighting looks good as do the new pavements but the Telecom lines detract from the whole aspect. The street furniture and bins are good. While there are nice shrub beds at the mooring on this road these should be weeded or replanted and the remains of black plastic bags removed. Also weeds should be removed from the cracks in the new pavements. Seats nearby need attention. The shed by the side of the Weir Pub is unattractive and this premises could be improved by repainting and the provision of natural flowers in the window boxes. The old diesel pumps opposite don't appear to be in use and are unsightly. Reynold's Pub looks good and The Key West Hotel, seating area and private mooring is excellent and the window boxes look lovely. They should be commended for their efforts. The new school, church and P.O look very good and it is nice to see that the old school is still being maintained. The Centra Supermarket and Cox's look good but Conna's Well Pub could be encouraged to paint their premises and outside seats.

LANDSCAPING

A good effort being made overall but you need to watch maintenance, for example, the dead tree on the Longford Road, and weeds in containers. The mooring by the Centra Supermarket also looks good but the shrubs here need attention too. There is a nice feature with flowers and seats by the school and many houses seem to be making an effort in this regard

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The lock area looks well but could be improved by repainting the house and bollards and the lock timbers are broken and shabby. The sign to the lock is only visible from inside the OPW gate and would be of more benefit if it could be seen from a better vantage point in the town. The access road is generally good but there are a few potholes which could do with being filled in. There was no evidence of ongoing work on the canal - is this still a possibility ? Your plans for the development of the old cemetery in the town seem good but, as yet, there is no evidence of work happening there.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter situation around the town is quite good and it is nice to know that you are working on this with the teachers and pupils of the school and local business people. However, there was some evidence of litter around the mooring area on the Londford Road and the car park near the Weir Pub.

TIDINESS

Watch for weeds in areas already mentioned and continue to try to improve weak areas such as badly maintained or derelict houses.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most houses are making an effort and look well but there are still some in need of improvement areas such as the two houses opposite the Avondale Guest House on the Lanesboro Road, the old courthouse and the building across the road which looks like an old cinema.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The houses on the Tarmonbarry Road are well maintained with some nice flower displays as are a number of the houses on the Strokestown/Lanesboro road. Irish Country Meats factory premises, as mentioned by the previous adjudicator, could certainly benefit from some form of screening to make it more visually attractive and the car park opposite could still do with some improvement. The garage on the Carrick Road looks well but the gardens of the houses in this area could be better.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Roskey is a very nice village and continues to improve but quite a bit of work still needs to be done so that it can achieve its full potential. Keep up the good work.