

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSCOMMON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	11
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	189	181

Roscommon, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Roscommon is welcome to the 1999 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the completed entry form and the very detailed plans and submissions. The work is ongoing at the Town Park, the Castle and The Lough (which at this time of the year is dried up). All of these proposals, when completed should be of great interest to both locals, students and visitors. It is good to know that you are working with the statutory bodies, business premises and the gardening club. The work seems to be happening all at the one time and as mentioned in last year's Adjudication report it might be wise to set achievable targets for each year. One of these might be the overall improvement of the square.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The city jail is undergoing further renovation as is the side access. The front of the jail facing onto the square looks very well as does the old Museum (now the Tourist Information Office) and the Post Office and it was nice to see wheel-chair access to this building. Many of the buildings on The Square such as the Celtic Bar, Harlows and the Premier Guest House, with its flowers and seats, look well. Tatler's both front and back is well presented but some other business premises are in need of attention. There are still some plastic signs and quite a few vacant/derelict sites. The premises that are trying are to be congratulated. In time you may be able to persuade the others to make an effort. The reconstruction work at Centra has obviously interfered with the plans to improve the alleyway to the car park but it is good to know that you plan to update this area. The area by the Co Co offices and the Garda Barracks with the new tree and shrub planting and the new roundabout and pavements is looking very well but some re-planting is needed in the area by the side of the derelict church. The R.C church, schools and vocational school are well maintained and the new grotto and shrub feature at the church looks well as did St Coman's Church. St Ciaran's Park is a nice green area with good trees and shrubs and the seating there is a pleasant facility. A number of the filling stations around the town are making a big effort such as Keane's Garage and the nearby roundabout is well presented, Moran's Garage also has some shrubs growing but the outside of the premises could be painted. Teac de Ide looks well as does The Sacred Heart Hospital and it was noted that they are preparing a site there for the Famine Monument.

LANDSCAPING

Some good new trees and shrub features and a number of

business premises and houses are making a big effort by way of hanging baskets, flower containers and attention to gardens. There are some nice flowers and shrubs in the car park at Londis and their mural at the entrance looks well. The Abbey Hotel and surrounds are a good asset to the town. Molloy's Supermarket also looks well as do the flower baskets on the Green Rooster on Church Street but the plastic signs on it and the Sportsman's Inn take from the buildings.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Castle, Jail, Town Park and The Lough area will be of great benefit to the town when work is completed. The Mote Park area is a lovely rural road with a small river, nice meadows, horses and cows and leads eventually to some woods. It is nice to know that the Mote conservation group have such plans for the area. No doubt these will have to wait until the work going on at the railway bridge is completed. The new children's play area at Lisnamult is a nice addition but very hard to find as there is no signage to it. A litter bin here would be a good thought.

LITTER CONTROL

A lot of effort still needed here. Quite a number of litter bins but these may need to be cleaned out more regularly. Watch for litter at side and front of buildings, in shrubs near the Celtic Cross, by derelict church, in shrub beds opposite Ark Pet Shop on Lanesboro Street and scattered throughout the town. We appreciate it can be difficult to try and control litter in a large town but you seem to be going the right way about tackling it and there is no doubt that in time your efforts will be worth while.

TIDINESS

Weeds in cement area near new houses on Fuerty Road, weeding needed behind stone walls and at pavement bases throughout the town, by the Portaloos, the nearby laneway, and the laneway near the Irish Permanent building. Green area near Fire Station is very overgrown and there is a lot of litter trapped in the cattle grid by the Teagasc Building. Some gutters on roofs on Main Street should be looked at and overgrown weeds removed

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A number of new housing estates built or in the process of being built. Some are well landscaped such as Hyde Park, even though the building there is ongoing. The new development off Abbey Street is also well maintained but some others, such as the apartments near St Ciaran's Park need the landscaping completed. The gardens of a number of houses are now looking well and the Gardening Club must take some credit for this.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The derelict buildings such as those on Castle Street should be watched. It is hoped that the planning application on Rockford's will lead to its improvement. Boundary walls and access gates may need painting. The new tree and shrub planting around the town and the new residential estates is noted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Roscommon seems to be going through a period of great change and we look forward to seeing the benefits of all the hard work in a few year's time. In the meantime prioritise the more urgent tasks and good luck with the plans!