

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **TARMONBARRY**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	19	21
Tidiness	20	9	9
Residential Areas	30	18	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>179</b>

## **Tarmonbarry, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Glad to hear that you are working jointly with Roscommon Co Co, FAS, local schools and the GAA.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The amenity areas on the Shannon bank generally look good but some improvement is still needed. The access road to the lock amenity area, south of the river, needs resurfacing and the industrial bins there were full to overflowing at time of visit. The Portaloos are a good idea in this area but they must be serviced. The picnic table by the raised bridge needs attention and the non-functional concrete block (with redundant hose connection) should either be removed or disguised with flowers/plants. Keenan's Pub has done a lovely job on the old outbuildings and has made the surrounding area into a nice feature. They also seem to have taken over the old house at the bridge and have a nice pub sign on the wall but the doors and windows of this need some attention. Their new advertising sign on the approach to the village is out of keeping and is not a good focal point for kind of a sign. The stone walls and steps at the back of The Lodge look good but the stream should be made visible by removing the weed cover. This could be a good feature. The Lodge building needs repainting as do the galvanised sheds at the rear and the rusted advertising sign opposite - on the main road - needs attention.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a big improvement on the Clondra road. The stone plaque at the Grotto also looks well but the statues could do with painting and the kneeler and general area could be improved. The road sign on the Longford road is still obliterated by high grass and nettles. Only one margin is cut to the end of speed limit sign. While the hanging baskets are a good idea they should be colourful and were not well maintained. It might be better to get individual premises to sponsor and maintain them. Now that the GAA are assisting the Committee they might be persuaded to paint their entrance gate and keep the surrounds facing the road in better condition.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The wildlife island, while visually and audibly attractive, is difficult to access. The proposed amenity area on the banks of the Shannon seems a good idea but is not yet developed.

The childrens' paddling pool, seats and shore area need further improvement. Car park somewhat improved but still very rough.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

While litter was being collected on day of visit there were still not enough litter bins and such as were provided were either full or, as in the Shannon amenity area, overflowing. These looked as if they had not been cleaned out for some time.

There is a cement bollard on the riverbank opposite Keenan's gable which has an iron aperture on it - this was not fully closed and, in the absence of any bin, was being used as a litter storage point.

### **TIDINESS**

The Shannon Bar sign previously referred to at the lock approach road is still there and there is an additional one 'dumped' on the riverbank near the raised bridge. Both of these should be removed. The old ballroom still continues to detract from the pleasant village aspect.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Generally good and such improvements as have taken place look well.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Road to lock not good but tree planting on approach roads to village does make a difference.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Tarmonbarry is a lovely village and you should lobby to have it put on the standard tourist map of Ireland so that tourists can be encouraged to stop and enjoy the amenities there. Traffic calming might help. Some information on the amenities available to visitors is also needed.