

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSEGREEN**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	24
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	18	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	167	161

Rosegreen, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information on your entry form and the map were most useful on adjudication day. Last year you received an in-depth report from the adjudicator. The following should therefore be read in the context of that report and is comment by way of progress since then. In this connection the adjudicator's comments regarding the provision of a 3 to 5 year development plan is still applicable.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Your Church, School and Community Centre all looked very well on adjudication day as indeed did the commercial premises in Rosegreen. Comments made in last year's report regarding the Water Tower and its surroundings still apply. The Cemetery was also presented in a neat and tidy manner and all of this reflects the obvious high interest by your residents in their environment. Congratulations to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

Your comments under this heading were noted and indeed a very high standard of landscaping still applies. Work on one of your green areas was observed on adjudication day. The picnic area also looked well and this aspect of the Competition is undoubtedly one of the main planks in your entry.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Again, your comments under this heading were noted. The Committee should designate a location for preservation and development to attract wildlife - the Tidy Towns Handbook will be of use to you in this regard. You might also consult the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. If you undertake a wildlife project next year please indicate this on your entry form and give the location so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime you will retain the nominal mark given last year.

LITTER CONTROL

Rosegreen was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Unlike last year the housing estate was not affected but there was some litter and evidence of rubbish dumping in the corner of the main car park. This was unfortunate as it took away from the overall impression of the village. This is an important aspect of the Tidy Towns Competition and

must be monitored on an on-going basis.

TIDINESS

The village was presented in a neat and tidy manner with the possible exception of the Round Tower and its surrounding area as already mentioned.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estate looked well. Unfortunately, one or two gardens were not up to standard. In addition while the green area had been cut it was of a very rough nature. It undoubtedly needed a second cut in order to give it that crisp look. Individual houses looked well. Some had wonderful gardens which were in full bloom on adjudication day. The support of local residents is very important in the Competition, particularly in a small village like Rosegreen. On the basis of observation it would appear that this support is forthcoming and well done to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads, particularly from Tipperary and Cashel were extremely good. Side roads were not quite up to standard and in two cases the "Rosegreen" village sign were practically obliterated by high road side growth. This too is an important as the condition of approach roads tends to set the tone for the rest of the village. Perhaps this is an area that you could discuss with your County Council. Roads and pavements within the village are being well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Rosegreen is a very attractive place and can do well in the Competition. Continue with your landscaping programme but do try to produce a 3 to 5 year plan which should be then implemented on a year-to-year basis within your physical and financial resources. Keep in touch with your Local Authority who may be of assistance to you in drawing up the plan. It is gratifying to see that FAS are also involved with you. It is not possible to do everything on a voluntary basis. In the meantime keep up the good work.