

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROCKCORRY**
County : **MONAGHAN**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	28	27
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	215	208

Rockcorry, County Monaghan

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Rockcorry are a coming force in the Tidy Towns Competition. Your excellent Plan together with its photographs and the delivery of your programme for the year 2000 already indicates your determination. Congratulations on your increased marking on the excellent efforts you have made.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

It is some years since this adjudicator visited Rockcorry and I was most impressed with the incredible improvements since then. The Mill development is excellent – the school on the Ballybay Road was well maintained. The shop fronts and the retail outlets in the main area of the town were first class. Congratulations on the sensitive new housing within the town, the GAA field and the stone walls encompassing it are coming along very nicely without any of the barbed wire element so prevalent in other towns. Your remarks about the Orange Hall were noted.

LANDSCAPING

As the second adjudicator remarked last year your planting is absolutely magnificent although a damp July afternoon it is already apparent that you will have another bumper year in planting terms. The three tier plant holders were particularly attractive. The feature of the Wells, the Mill Race and the Wishing Well on the terrace on Campbells' Lane were all beautifully executed and achieved. The baskets on the Mill Yard were also noted as were the window boxes, especially on the Tea Pot houses. In addition the new tree planting on the approach roads is to be commended for laying down deciduous planting for coming generations.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your development of the wildlife space at the rear of the Old Mill was noted. Two further thoughts occur – one – the Campbell's Lane – children playing on it on the day of adjudication and it occurred that a signposted walk further on up this lane might be a very nice way of alerting the children to the nature of which they are surrounded. Alternatively the Wind Mill development could encompass a nature walk up through the fields there.

LITTER CONTROL

There was simply no litter apparent on the day of

adjudication and with the young population and the busy retail outlets in the village centre this is a huge achievement.

TIDINESS

As already indicated a town with a strong landscape and with no litter is obviously a tidy place. Nonetheless back areas both through the archways of the shops and through the agriculture farm entrances that are on the approach roads and in the village itself could be better maintained. It is attention to this sort of detail that leads to overall winning in the National Tidy Towns Competition.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As already noted the new houses on the Ballybay Road are being well maintained and as in previous years the terraced houses on Campbell's Lane are to be commended. The hedges on the terraces on the Cootehill Road needed trimming but on the other hand the landscaping opposite it was very well maintained. One notable private house was the long low cottage beyond the Maple Ballroom at the end of that lane where there were beautiful hanging baskets and a most neat appearance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Verges on the approach roads were excellent and very well maintained. It was good to note landscaping in preparation for coming years on the Cootehill Road. As has been previously noted the surface on Campbell's Lane is urgently in need of repair. The lane on the northern side of the Mill River could have been better maintained and again the comments above relating to infill sites are worth noting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Rockcorry is a real force in the Tidy Towns Competition and seems destined to go much further. There were four beautiful white doves on the GAA car park and they seem to symbolise the spirit of your community. Well done!