

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BOYLE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	22	24
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	192

Boyle, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to Tidy Towns 2000. Thank you for your entry form and detailed map of progress to date. The ongoing co-operation between yourselves, local authorities, community groups etc. is evident in the progress you are making to date. As the new canal project is nearing completion, a detailed Town Map, with relevant places of interest marked, would be most beneficial.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The first impression of the town is very mixed. There are some magnificent buildings like the one mentioned in last year's report but also there are some very run down buildings. There are a number of private houses and business premises which need to be cleaned up and painted. Unfortunately these stand out for all the wrong reasons. Roadworks on the Carrick Road, when completed should clean up this area. The Train Station looks very well but the sheds just past it together with the railings at the entrance need to be painted.

LANDSCAPING

The Crescent area, with its car-parking and new flower beds is much enhanced. The new stone walls and flower beds beside the Hall and Student's Corner all look good as does the Abbey and its grounds. There are many attractive flower displays and hanging baskets to be seen around the town. The grass verges and lawns on the Forest Park Road are nicely maintained. The Famine Graveyard is well maintained also.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river is a natural amenity for attracting wildlife. Notices identifying the species of birds common to your locality and their nesting habits would be beneficial especially when you have so many walking routes in your area. Boyle is well known, particularly in the U.K., for good coarse angling over the years. Information points could be developed.

LITTER CONTROL

The new Crescent Car Park Area, Church grounds (R.C. and C.o.I.), Carrick Road near Forest Park Hotel, Sligo Road outside Abbey, the Playground area on Carrick Road, along the river walk and beside the sheds past the entrance to the Train Station all had evidence of litter. The litter bins near the school need to be painted and one at the school

entrance has a broken door. It was very untidy around the re-cycling bins.

TIDINESS

Some of the derelict and un-painted buildings give a very untidy impression. There was builder's rubble at the Forest Park Hotel entrance. The car park at the rear of The Royal Hotel had remains of bonfires near the gas tanks and rubbish was being burned under the trees along the river wall. The flat roof over the rear entrance had a lot of old broken furniture scattered on it. The goal posts in the play area need to be painted, as do most of the road signs. There are some signs around the town such as the ones at the Carrick Road entrance, which need to be painted or replaced.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

A lot of effort has been put into maintaining residents. There are still a few derelict houses and overgrown gardens which need attention. Watch out for weeds along the kerbsides and boundary walls. The hanging baskets and flower beds look great. Keep up the good work and try to encourage the owners of derelict buildings, if known, to clean them up.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road at the top of the Crescent and down to the New Marina needs to be re-surfaced. Footpaths on the Carrick Road are nearing completion. Much of the road sign-posting is badly rusted and it needs to be painted or re-placed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

There are many outstanding features about Boyle not least the Abbey and now the new canal. Keep pressure on the owners of derelict and unsightly buildings to clean them up. There are exciting times ahead for Boyle. Well done.