

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CASTLECOOTE**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	23
The Built Environment	40	22	20
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>180</b>

## **Castlecoote, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the first Tidy Towns competition of the new Millennium. Your development of the Wildlife Island Project looks good including the children's play area. Unfortunately the ducks stayed out of sight during my visit and one of the stepping stones was submerged. It looked a bit slippery to venture across to the island. Some commercial traffic appeared to be travelling very fast through the village. Keep pushing for the traffic calming bollards.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There are a number of newly built houses which, when the walls and driveways are finished, will enhance the approach to the village from the Glinsk side. Work was in progress on the new grass verge and on the new wall on the right hand side. The village sign is partially obscured by a bush. I noticed new stone walls at the Church Hall and new hedging planted at the end of same. Also there is nice hedging planted up from Golden's Bar. The flower beds and the hanging baskets were in full bloom.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The new stone walls on the Roscommon Road entrance and the green areas with the trees maturing nicely give a very attractive lead into the village from this side. In addition the completion of the amenity island adds to the overall appearance of the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The completion of the Island feature should attract wildlife to the area. The Suck Valley Way Map, bird table and children's play area compliment each other nicely in this area. While the ducks remained out of sight, I did encounter a cock pheasant strolling along by the picnic table on the Glinsk Road.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was adequate placement of litterbins everywhere. The bin outside the Post Office was at capacity level. The school environment was a credit to everyone concerned and everywhere else was litter free with the exception of two areas - the children's swings down by the river and the picnic table area on the way up to the Presbytery on the other side of the road. In each case there were empty bins nearby.

## **TIDINESS**

The overall appearance of the village was good. Perhaps a little more screening could be done on the sheds behind the filling station along by the river. The Car Park and "tyre" flower bed need attention. Farrells Ltd. yard was tidy but the sign outside could be freshened up. The overgrown site beside the black garage doors needs to be tidied also. The building in the corner of the church car park is a bit unsightly and there are a few plastic signs around. I noticed the grass verges on the Roscommon Road freshly mown and the grass gathered into a trailer for disposal.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Your previous adjudicator pointed out that the majority of the houses are very well maintained including the gardens. I concur with this but noticed a couple of hanging basket brackets, on which baskets hadn't yet been hung, which need to be painted.

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

The village approach roads were presented to a high standard. The new stone wall and grass verge on the Roscommon Road now completed really enhances this entrance. Looking forward to seeing some progress on the Creggs Road entrance also. Try to screen off any untidy areas as much as possible.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A community working well together with great pride in their area is very evident - children playing on the swings, filling station and Post Office very busy while I was there - a great sense of village atmosphere (in the sunshine!) Watch out for casual litter. Keep feeding the wildlife!