

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKCROGHERY**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	31
The Built Environment	40	19	18
Landscaping	40	30	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	28	25
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	14	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	184	174

Knockcroghery, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your 2000 Tidy Towns entry form which includes a very well laid out Town Map. I note that you have not had any success with a FAS scheme to date. This is all the more reason why the works underway at the entrance to the town from the Athlone side need to be completed tastefully and all unsightly rubble is cleared away properly from around the level crossing and train station area by the present contractors.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The centre of the village is coming on nicely. The Clay Pipe Pub looks very well now. The gable end of O'Brien's Bar across the road needs to be painted. Also there is a broken down green fence further along on the same side which needs attention. Then as you exit towards the Roscommon direction the buildings need to be cleaned up also. There is an old stone walled courtyard covered by a galvanised iron gate whose potential could be developed.

LANDSCAPING

The new trees on the right hand side of the Church grounds and the grass verges look good as do the picnic area and stream on the other side of the village. The lawn in front of the Post Office still needs some attention. It would also be an improvement if the on-going construction work past the Post Office was screened off. There is still some landscaping required on the road opposite the school. The green area would be improved greatly if the block work at the back was screened off better.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The picnic area and river is a natural attraction for wildlife. Perhaps a bird table in that general area would attract some more. While I was in the village there was a duel in progress between two crows and either a young squirrel or mink along the wall across from the Church. I didn't wait to see the outcome! If there is unusual wildlife in the area perhaps a notice board highlighting same would be useful.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good. There were plenty of bins in evidence. There was some litter in the hedging at the Statoil Garage and watch for some litter also in the picnic area. Someone had cleaned out his pockets while availing of the nice seat down by the river. The river was litter free

with lovely clear water.

TIDINESS

When the work around the Railway Crossing is completed the area should become more attractive. There appeared to be a lot of debris on the footpath outside Murrays. The railings of the house next to Statoil need to be painted as do the steps at the old water pump. The broken, green railing should be repaired and painted also. The metal frame of the sign at the picnic area needs to be painted too. Watch for the unsightly rubble behind walls and the slip road in front of the houses across from the Church needs to be tidied up. There is a pile of sand behind the trees in the green area on the Roscommon Road.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas are mostly very well maintained. There are just a few areas which need to be finished off i.e. the road across from the Church and some lawns and front entrances.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road by the station unfortunately and unavoidably is unsightly at this stage of the work. A few of the buildings on the right hand side exiting towards Roscommon need to be cleaned up. The car parks were tidy and weed free on the day of inspection. The planting in Widow Pat's Beer Garden was attractive.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

I noticed that last year's adjudicator recommended a planned colour scheme. I still believe that this would enhance your village greatly. There is evidence of a lot of hard work and commitment to get to this stage of development. The flower beds and hanging are most attractive. Keep up the good work.