

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MOUNT TALBOT**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	23	21
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	174	171

Mount Talbot, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the 2000 Tidy Towns Competition and thank you for your entry form briefly outlining the projects you have done for this year's competition. It is noted that you work with Roscommon Co. Council and with FAS if scheme becomes available. It is also noted that there is general apathy from locals in relation to getting work done. Perhaps if you could approach those currently involved to encourage and recruit one other person each it may bring a few more into the worker fold.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

All the buildings look well and are generally well maintained. The telephone wires crossing the village are still there so more reminders to Eircom to have them ducted. Neither is there any public lighting in village which could be a hazard for residents. The information map at the ball alley is in good condition and looks well. The tables and benches there need a coat of paint and varnish and some weed control is also necessary. The old ruined Church is very badly overgrown. I am sure that this could be an attractive feature to the entrance of the village from the northeast if the growth was removed and gate replaced.

LANDSCAPING

Maintenance of tree planted areas is good. Some weed control is necessary on ungrassed verges. The village pump looks well with its tubs of flowers on either side in bloom.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The River Suck is a wonderful amenity in relation to angling and the Suck Valley for walks. This area is also a haven for birds and other wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

The village and approach areas seemed to be completely devoid of litter. Your efforts in this regard have proved fruitful. Well done and keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

While there was a general air of tidiness there was some weeds/grass at base of walls of some residences while their gardens were well kept.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most houses are well maintained, as are their gardens. However there are a few owners that need encouragement to improve their areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach road from Ballygar the hedges are trimmed and the verges roughly cut. On the opposite side, at the ball alley, the planted trees look well and are maturing but some further weed control is necessary as well a attention to picnic tables and benches. On approach from Athleague the verges and hedges are trimmed but the footpath in front of the residences need some weed control.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Mount Talbot is lovely little village and despite your problems you have done well in keeping litter at bay. Keep up the good work and the necessary encouragement.