

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROOSKEY**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	194

Rooskey, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to Tidy Towns 2000 and thank you for your entry form and photograph. It is good to see that you work closely with the County Council, F.A.S. and your local community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There is a lot of new housing being built around Rooskey particularly on the Dublin Road. The Shannon Key West Hotel, car park and surrounding area look great and they are an example for all to follow. The Sales Office at the Shell Garage needs to be painted and this takes away from what otherwise is a very neat and tidy premises. The old diesel pump on the banks of the Shannon spoils the look of this area. The Church, school and community centre look well as do the other business premises also. The old ballroom and house next door were being painted during adjudication.

LANDSCAPING

A great effort has been made all around the village with flower boxes, baskets and flower beds in full bloom. The beds at the side of the Centra Supermarket need some more planting but the shrubbery looked good. As a result of the modification of the Shannon Lock there is still some rubble and builder's material lying around. The Shannon View development on the Strokestown Road entrance when finished should clean up this area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The lock keeper's cottage and signs in the area need to be painted when the builders finish their work. There was plenty of wildlife activity and anglers along the river. The seat in the green area across from Reynold's Pub needs to be painted.

LITTER CONTROL

There were plenty of litter bins around even though some of them were in need of re-painting. However there was litter and a trailer overflowing with cardboard in the Weir Lodge Car Park. It was also very untidy around the beer crates in the corner. The rest of the village was generally litter free.

TIDINESS

There are some premises which need to be painted

including boundary walls and gates. The plaster was coming off the gable of the Weir Lodge Pub and the boarded up gable window across the road from the Ballroom looks unsightly. There are still a number of overgrown sites. The public toilets look shabby and the railings on the lifting bridge need to be painted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are still some houses which need attention like the bungalow across from the Garda Station. Most people have made a great effort with their beautiful lawns, flower beds and hanging baskets. Watch out for weeds along kerbsides and boundary walls.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new extension to the building beside the Community Centre should help clean up this area well. Some of the sign posts need to be painted such as the one at the bridge and the yield sign on the slip road coming on to the Dublin Road. The old mobile home beside the Shell garage is unsightly. Keep pressure on the owners, if known, to clean up derelict or undeveloped sites.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Rooskey looks very well. There are many new houses under construction on the out skirts of the town. It is very important that the roads and landscaping are completed speedily to compliment the overall effort which has been put into development. Keep up the good work.