

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSCOMMON**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	33
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	12
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	197	189

Roscommon, County Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to Tidy towns 2000. Thank you for your entry form and attached, detailed, additional information including photographic material. There is a lot of new development in and around Roscommon which when completed will enhance your town greatly. Your Roscommon Tidy Towns Association 2000 Document is very detailed and most informative. The commitment of Roscommon Co. Co. and FAS to your plans is very evident also. The voluntary work done by your students from all schools is to be commended.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As mentioned in last year's adjudicator's report, there have been many improvements around the Square area. While the jail itself looks great, the back entrance and yard need further development. Centra has finished the reconstruction work and their car park and back area were spotlessly clean and tidy. The ongoing topsoiling and replanting on the roundabouts is very impressive as are the development plans for the castle and the Lough areas. Unfortunately there are still a number of derelict and unsightly buildings e.g. The Royal Cinema and derelict building next door and the derelict, pink house on Goff Street. The Church of the Sacred Heart looks great and there are big improvements to St. Comans even though the graveyard was overgrown and some window glass needs to be replaced. The Famine Memorial is very striking.

LANDSCAPING

There is a great effort being made in this area with plenty of trees, shrubs and flower beds planted. The Abbey Hotel and grounds look good as does the new red brick houses on the Galway Road approach. Many of the filling stations and shops made a big effort with their flower beds, boxes and hanging baskets. There is still room for improvement in this area. The mature trees and green area along the Creggs Road look good also.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Catherine Hannon's report particularly on the Lough area and the fact that it is made available to schools will be most beneficial. Information boards and a back up brochure would help promote your efforts. I am sure that local Press and Radio would be very interested in helping you to promote same. There are a good number of football pitches. In most cases goal posts need to be painted and the grass needs to be cut also. There is also a good children's play area in the football field near St. Teresa's Road. Surprisingly no one was availing of it during adjudication.

LITTER CONTROL

Congratulations on your litter prosecution. In general you have been successful in controlling your litter except in the following areas - the shrubbery inside the railings and around the Square, the road up by the side of the castle, on the green area at the entrance to Cherry Drive Estate and along the Ring Road where all the rubble and scrap is dumped across from the Mart.

TIDINESS

The car park area and verge around D.H. Burke Supermarket and West Deli Restaurant was full of weeds and litter and the car park surface was very bad. Watch out for weeds along footpaths and boundary walls. There are a number of poorly maintained properties standing out for all the wrong reasons. The gable of Mary's Curtain Shop and the doors and Pass Machine of the Bank of Ireland need to be painted also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The landscaping of Hyde Court and Lus Leanna look good. Lisnamull area looks good. Some walls need attention and some boundary walls and gates need to be painted. Some individual residents are making a great effort in maintaining their houses and lawns. Keep up the good work.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The re-laying and planting of the roundabouts is making a big improvement. There are still some very untidy side and back entrances to be tackled yet. The stretch of Ring Road between N61 and N63 looks very good. Try to copy this all the way around.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A few derelict and neglected buildings are spoiling the look of what is shaping up to be a most attractive and interesting town. Stick to your plan of action. The Lough Project looks very exciting for the future. Well done.