

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROSSES POINT**  
County : **SLIGO**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	29
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Rosses Point, County Sligo**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map. It was particularly good to see that the Committee has devised a 3/5 year plan, with achievable targets, that will further enhance your village and community. It would be helpful if your map had a little more information on it, in particular the names of the roads/ lanes and specific project locations that you outline in your plan. This would set the scene a little more clearly for adjudication. Your "General Management of Tidy Town Plan", was particularly praiseworthy, with its effective delegation of duties, PR approach and continued co-operation with local bodies and organisations clearly outlined.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Once again the Garda Barracks and Church of Ireland looked very well on the approach into the village. The Moorings, The Waterfront and Austies caught the eye again this year, all smartly presented with attractive floral features.. The Golf Club is a very attractive focal building but the railings opposite Greenlands Terrace still need attention. The Caravan Park also looked well. The area around the swimming pool looks very neglected. It is good to see that the committee are actively trying to save the historical Elsinore House and Pilot House. These are both important Heritage Projects for the village and well worthy of your attention. The hall close to the Catholic Church still needs attention. Many of the older premises in the Village look well with their bright traditional Maritime Colours. There are two fine adjoining houses next to the hotel that need some attention to their overall presentation. Rosses Point continues to expand with private housing developments. It is important that all of these new houses do not detract from the feature buildings in the village and that they are finished appropriately.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Once again many of the attractive landscaping features mentioned in last year's report were noted and looked well again this year. The many colourful planters tubs, boats and troughs of flowers throughout the village added a lovely touch of colour. It was particularly nice to see the planters outside the school this year. You also have a good mix of perennial shrubs and flower beds. The maintenance of the open expanse on the Promenade is a lot of hard work, well done to all concerned. It looked very well, although some rubble was noted in a hedged garden opposite the Post Office. Perhaps this is where you have plans for some feature. A lovely new stone planter in Colmcille Drive and a painted pump house at Ros Beolain caught the eye this year.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Rosses Point is very fortunate to have so many beautiful and accessible natural amenities. It is good to see that you are acknowledging them appropriately. The conservation of the dunes continues and is an important project. Try to involve the local school children in this important area by encouraging their involvement in conserving and enhancing the area at their school. Last year's comments re signs and expert advice still apply.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was some litter evident in spots throughout the village. In particular an overflowing bin looked very unsightly at the harbour. Your clean up days and school litter policies are admirable and your bins are both plentiful and in good order.

## **TIDINESS**

Derelict or untidy sites remain a challenge throughout the village and some "old black spots" areas still need some attention. Your five year plan outlines some proposals to remedy these problems. When you achieve your proposals these will certainly enhance the whole presentation of the village. The prominent shed on the hill beside the beach Car Park still looks untidy. The sea pool at the Yacht Club still needs to be repaired and tidied up as stated last year, there are still some premises and open areas that need some attention, as they detract from the streetscape. All forecourts, back yards, kerb edges, all open spaces and areas between properties should be kept tidy and weed free. Back alleys/yards should be appropriately screened particularly in areas that will attract rubbish or dumping. There are two derelict small houses on one of the cross roads between the upper and lower villages roads that have deteriorated further need to be protected from further damage. Some gas cylinders and barrels looked untidy outside Harry's Bar. On the old road parallel to the prom, the old prefab and the area adjoining it needs some attention. Similarly an old cottage on the way to the topmost road of the village also needs to be tidied up. An untidy area on the prom in front of a newly renovated house next door to Ewins Shop needs to be tidied and cleared.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The wide variety of house styles and housing developments continue to grow in the village and, once again, many of the older houses were painted in traditional bright sea-side colours. The majority of the houses in and on the approaches to the village were well presented and maintained. Some tidy hedges, boundary walls, lawns and flower features were noted. Once again some beautiful and colourful flowers in individual gardens caught the eye, in particular the cottages on the approach to the village, the thatched house and Woodbine Cottage on the top road and Rose Cottage. Ros Beolain also had some lovely flower beds. Knowingly repeating some of last year's comments again stress's their importance in your progression in this competition. Whilst acknowledging that some of the "offenders" may be holiday

homes, some properties, new and old, still need to tidy their forecourts or surrounding areas, boundary fences, finish entrances, gates etc. throughout the village. Again, some of the housing developments around the village need attention, some grass areas need to be tidied and weeds removed at paths and walls. Some of the established flower beds at the Blennicks looked very untidy. The many individual property owners who maintain areas outside their boundaries deserve mention and praise again also.

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

The committee has outlined some very constructive improvements throughout the village under this heading. The traffic calming measures, new fences, pedestrian access and footpaths alone will benefit the whole community. Generally the roads were fairly tidy and well presented, the new road surface on the main roads looks well and the promenade road and footpaths also looked well. Last years comments re: the stone walls throughout the village still applies and some signposts still need attention. The road surface at the harbour remains poor, the car park area and untidy ditches Elsinore House and surrounds all look very unsightly. The Harbour is an important amenity area, in a beautiful setting that leads to a lovely cliff walk that similarly needs to be tidied although this is mentioned in your future plans. The bollards close to the old Elsinore gates could be repainted and the area around the graveyard also needs some attention.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The committees commitment and enthusiasm continues. It is particularly encouraging to see that your effective PR has increased the numbers of volunteers and offers of "giving a hand". Rosses Point in its beautiful setting has yet to optimise its full potential. Perseverance, vigilance and attention to detail, married with the successful outcome of your plan will perpetuate the village to greater achievements within the Tidy Towns Competition and benefit the whole community. Once again, well done to all involved and keep up the good work.