

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSEMOUNT**
County : **WESTMEATH**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	28	29
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	212	207

Rosemount, County Westmeath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Rosemount is welcome to the first Tidy Towns Competition of the third millennium. The village is set in peaceful open countryside and has a charming rural ambience. The majority of buildings and open spaces are well presented and there is much evidence of new projects being undertaken each year. Thank you for the outline of your five year plan and well illustrated map, congratulations on those elements that have been achieved to date and good luck for the future. The view of Rosemount's church spire framed by stands of mature trees from the Mullingar approach road is beautifully complemented on entering the village by open fields with grazing cattle. We would be interested to hear more regarding the history of Rosemount as referred to in your application.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church is a handsome building and its grounds are very well presented, however grass cuttings should be removed. The school is beautifully presented and well painted, however its boundary wall is weatherstained. The same point can be made of the boundary wall of the sports grounds across from the school, the latter should either be painted or planted. Kellys shop and adjoining residential property looks well. Georgian architecture is a handsome feature of Rosemount.

LANDSCAPING

The street furniture, (seating, etc.) on the beautifully landscaped entrance from the Moate road need to be upgraded. Well done on the planting of stretches of young hedgerow. Well done also on the planting to the roadside boundary walls of the Community Centre. Other planting here is maturing well and the flower displays marking the entrance are colourful. The red and pink Geraniums in the flower troughs stand in a nice contrast to the grey of their enclosing stone wall. The copper beach trees in the school grounds are complemented by the colourful flower displays in window boxes. Some trees in the grounds of the Church of Ireland need to be underplanted or replaced as they look quite poorly. The picnic site at the Mullingar end of the village was much admired.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Long stretches of hedgerow had been recently trimmed on adjudication day. To maximise the wildlife value of hedgerow, it is important that the latest date for cutting is April 18th. do keep this in mind for wildlife enhancement. Your bird sanctuary signs have been noted. Let us have details next

year regarding bird species and any information pertinent to wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

Whilst litter control was not a major problem, it could have been better for a village of this size. It was weakest in the environs of the national school and consisted mostly of crisp and sweet wrappers.

TIDINESS

There are no major problems under this heading. Ensure that all building materials are removed upon completion of work and be vigilant regarding side and back areas which can be viewed from public spaces.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most, if not all, residential properties are presented to a very high standard and there are some wonderful gardens. The shrubbery of the house beside the 'school' sign is magnificent and complements the small stream which runs through its gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Verges had been recently cut on adjudication day and were neatly presented. Handsome stretches of stone wall were noted as was the new stone wall under construction. The surrounds of the nameplate on one road could be presented to a higher standard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Rosemount is most favourable and it is hoped that new developments will not damage the charming rural ambience of your beautiful village.