

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSTELLAN-FARSID**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	33	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	24
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	214	205

Rostellan- Farsid, County Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The information submitted with the application, map, pictures etc. is acknowledged and was very helpful on the day of adjudication. The community this year continues to present the village in a very pleasant fashion. The location here is one of a very attractive setting, lake, woodland etc. These natural characteristics are enhanced considerably by the work of the community's Development Association in the context of the Tidy Towns Competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings throughout the village are well maintained and presented. It is always interesting to see the history of an historic building in a community explained and a very good example of this is the explanatory plaque erected by the Development Association, giving a brief history of the old Starch Mill building in the village. In that area of the village on the Midleton approach there is another interesting feature, a most interesting stone façade with arch –way. This is an interesting feature and may merit an explanatory plaque also, depending on the history of the structure. The business premises in the village are well maintained, for example, the newsagent's shop, the Rostellan Antique Shop premises and also the licensed premises.

LANDSCAPING

The Development Association has quite a good balanced landscaping programme carried out in the village. It is important in a planting programme to make provision for a more long-term effect by planting appropriate tree and shrub planting. A good example of that in this village is the tree planting programme, which has been carried out in the vicinity of the Bird Hide. The many flowerbeds in the village are well maintained and attended to, giving much colour at various points throughout the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is an abundance of natural amenities in the vicinity of this village and this inevitably has a very beneficial effect on wildlife. In this community there is obviously a strong interest in wildlife, for example the provision of a Bird Hide for the benefit of wildlife watchers is a very positive step. Also the inclusion of Rostellan Lake in the East Cork Trail- Cosan Chorcai Thoir is a further welcome development. It is noted that the community and the Development Association are supporting another excellent wildlife project i.e. an initiative aimed at the protection of the Common Tern. The conservation of a wildlife species such as this is commendable and it is hoped that these efforts will be successful. To see the various wildlife bird species, swans,

duck etc. is indeed heartening.

LITTER CONTROL

It is noted that the control of litter in the village has been one of the main objectives of the Development Association over the years. The positioning of litter bins in several areas of the village was an obvious step to deal with this problem. At the time of adjudication the village was almost entirely free of litter. The community should continue with its efforts in this regard because there has to be a constant vigilance in every community when it comes to controlling litter.

TIDINESS

The area of the village covers quite a large distance and this makes it more difficult to maintain tidiness. However the community seems to be quite successful in achieving a good level of tidiness. Areas throughout the village where picnic tables, seating etc. are positioned, are all very tidy. That area of the lakeside where wildlife explanatory boards etc. are in place is very well maintained. The entrance to Pairc Ui Riain was considerably improved this year, wall painted, grass and weed growth along the entire wall was under control but the barrier is not yet painted!

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses and gardens in and around the village are neatly presented. Gardens are colourful and well maintained. In residential areas where gardens are not attached, excellent use is made of window boxes and hanging baskets are used to very good effect – a good example of this is the residential area of High Range where houses are excellently maintained and nicely presented. This is an area of the Competition where all residents can play a part by presenting their own homes to a good standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Peoples Path was a great project for the entire community and it is being well maintained. All the green open areas in the village were neatly trimmed and well maintained. The old stone walls in the centre of the village are impressive and well maintained. The old water pumps in the village are nicely maintained. The positioning of the community's Millennium plaque is noted and the community is to be congratulated on the recognition of the project in the Green Town 2000 programme. The graffiti is still on the wall near the telephone kiosk.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The community is fortunate in having a village located in an area with lake and woodland setting. The Development Association, hopefully with support of the entire community is making a good effort in enhancing this natural setting by following a programme of work which blends in with an already very pleasant environment. We wish you well with your effort.

