

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROUNDSTONE**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	--
The Built Environment	40	20	--
Landscaping	40	15	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	--
Litter Control	40	22	--
Tidiness	20	9	--
Residential Areas	30	14	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	15	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	134	--

Roundstone, Co. Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

I would firstly like to welcome Roundstone back into the Tidy Towns Competition. Five years is a long time to be absent, however, I am delighted to see that the village is now very focused and I am looking forward to seeing major improvements in the village when all of the construction work is complete. Thank you for the very comprehensive application form. I would like to compliment you on your lovely brochure. I suggest that you now draw up a new development plan for the next five years and work to that.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the business premises are presented to a very high standard and there is a great splash of colour throughout the village with great use of hanging baskets and window boxes. There are some black spots throughout the village and I do not like to mention these individually as they can cause embarrassment, but I think everybody knows what they have to do. The water pump at the pier should be painted and perhaps a feature could be made of this.

LANDSCAPING

I think that more work needs to be done in Roundstone under this category. Some of the green areas are overgrown and it would take very little effort to create a better atmosphere, i.e weeding along by the pier and this area generally tidied up and presented to a better standard. The area at the second pier looks nice but around by the sea angling centre could be given more attention.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You are very fortunate to have such wonderful natural amenities in Roundstone. You should perhaps identify the wildlife habitats, I know that there is plenty of expertise out there to assist you. The beaches at Gurteen Bay and Dogs Bay are such an asset to your area, and a great attraction.

LITTER CONTROL

The day I visited Roundstone it was extremely busy with many tourists enjoying the lovely atmosphere that the village exudes, absence of litter was very evident on that day and everybody is to be commended for the effort they are making. The black litter bins at the car park looks nice, however, the litter bin opposite O'Dowds leading down to the pier should be in keeping with the others.

TIDINESS

The tennis court area requires a little attention as it was a little untidy and unkept looking on adjudication day. The car park area was very tidy considering how busy the village was. When the ongoing road works are complete it will greatly enhance the area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the residential houses are presented to a very high standard, particularly the bed/breakfast premises on the approach roads into Roundstone. I saw some lovely mature and manicured gardens. It is nice to see such an individual effort being made under this category.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads into the village are well maintained with the grass verges looking neat and trim. I would like to see some 'Welcome to Roundstone Signs' on the approach roads. This is the first impression a visitor gets on entering a town/village. I suggest that a committee member takes a look at the Welcome Signs in Letterfrack .

GENERAL IMPRESSION

I enjoyed my visit to Roundstone. There is a lot of work to be done, but you are on the right track. With a committee of 24 people there is no reason why you cannot achieve very high marks in the future. Keep up the good work and good luck for the future.