

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KNOCKCROGHERY**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	19	19
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	15	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>184</b>

## **Knockcroghery, Co. Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your 2001 Tidy Towns entry form. Firstly let me complement you on a beautifully illustrated map of your village. You note the "Gateway to the Potato" sculpture, and I am delighted to see that the lights and information board you mentioned that would be added when filing your application, have now been erected, well done. I note from your application that you still have not had any success with a FAS scheme. The re-alignment work at the Railway Crossing is now near completion, but there is still some unsightly rubble which needs to be cleared away, try to get present contractors to facilitate this. When landscaping is completed it will greatly enhance the approach to the village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Church and School look well as does the Community Hall with its window boxes. The Widow Pats is fresh and I notice a beer garden is being constructed, please think of landscaping of area. The Post Office has a nice new stone wall. However as you move towards the Roscommon end a number of buildings require attention and painting. There is a broken down green fence which I note was mentioned in last years report which is still in need attention and painting.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Much work appears to have taken place on the approach from the Athlone side, in particular around the "Gateway to the Potato" sculpture. I have already mentioned about landscaping taking place at the level crossing, please also note the area between the railway line and the traffic calming which is overgrown. The beds at the 30 mile speed limit at both end of the village need weeding, and the bed at the picnic end of the lower green also needs attention. The picnic area itself is well kept.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The picnic area and river is nice and can be further developed as a natural attraction for wildlife. Further along the river bank could be developed and maybe a riverside walk depending on ownership and access It is nice to see your sign reminding people that "beauty dies where litter lies", and it is unfortunate that there was a coke bottle, plastic bag and sign in the river on my visit.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was good in general with the exception of the river as previously mentioned, however this rubbish looked to be new but it is something you shall have to be vigilant

about.

### **TIDINESS**

The general appearance of the village was one of tidiness. The broken, green railing should be repaired and painted. When work at the Railway Crossing is completed ensure all rubble is removed.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the residential areas are well maintained. Work is in progress at the new housing development on the Roscommon approach road, when properly landscaped it should be very nice. There is some rubble etc. which needs tidying up.

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

The approach road from the Lecarrow side is looking well with realignment of the railway crossing completed, however work now needs to concentrate removal of remaining rubble and on landscaping of this area. As I mentioned the area between the railway crossing and the 30 mile speed limit opposite the station need attention. Some buildings on the Roscommon end of village need to be cleaned up. I notice that previous adjudicators have recommended a planned colour scheme, while it maybe hard to get everyone on board I would concur with my colleagues as this would enhance your village giving great visual impact.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

A lot has been achieved in the past year and overall the village looks well. Keep up the good work.