

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROSCOMMON**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	13
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>197</b>

## **Roscommon, County Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed entry form and supporting material, and welcome to Tidy Towns 2001. The Tidy Towns Association Overall Development Plan 2001-2006 is very informative. It is good to see you have a close working relationship with statutory bodies, local community groups and residents.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Roscommon town has some very impressive buildings and many of unique historical interest, however the built environment is continually changing and developing and it is by recognising the changes and planning for these developments that one can truly unlock the potential of your town. The Square looks well and the new display boards for Táin Trail and Driving routes are noted as are the many small signs at Castle, Abbey and entrance to town. The Bank of Ireland railings need painting and the area around the cross needs attention. Construction work is taking place in Castle Street at the Royal Hotel, there is a lot of rubble in the Car-park of same which looks unsightly. Hopefully the Royal cinema is also included in their plans. I note Teazers Restaurant in the area opposite is sold so this could change the face of Castle street considerably. In the meantime the sign for Castlecourt Shopping Centre should be removed and the beds in carpark cleaned. There are many new housing development and when these are completed and landscaped they will greatly enhance the whole area. There are unfortunately a number of derelict buildings, try to encourage owners if known to tidy them up.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The efforts made in planting trees, shrubs and flower bed s clearly visible and the circular road area is with its many roundabouts is looking very well. The Abbey Hotel grounds are particularly attractive with red borders very effective.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Mote park is a wonderful amenity and the erection of signs this year is a welcome addition. It is a pity that work is held up with regards to new park. I note you are working in close co-operation with the County Council to resolve this matter.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Congratulations on your new litter free zone in Goff Street, which indeed was litter free during my visit. However there are areas which require attention - on main St., particularly near shrubbery in Square, On Circular Road, particularly area opposite Mart, Down by entrance to Castle and also

entrance to Abbey, at the Racecourse (it was noted that a meeting was held two days earlier)

### **TIDINESS**

An effort is being made in this area but there are still many derelict and poorly maintained properties which stand out for all the wrong reasons. I have already mentioned Castle Street, where hopefully we will have major improvement next year, there are also some properties in this area which require painting. The area opposite the Mart continues to be a problem area. And also The Sunblind Co. on the Racecourse Road. There is rubble located by Service Matters, and back of Fireplace Centre which takes from overall appearance.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many residents are putting in a real effort, other need encouragement and awareness. With all the new housing development shooting up it will be important to link with residents associations to ensure all come on board.

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

There is an area which still needs improvement.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Roscommon is town with a lot of development taking place, the work that is completed to date is most attractive and your overall development plan looks good. Keep the pressure on with regards to new park development. Well done and keep up the good work.