

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BOYLE**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 23-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	38
The Built Environment	40	22	27
Landscaping	40	31	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	10	12
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	26
General Impression	10	5	7
TOTAL MARK	300	182	196

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OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A written plan outlining how the difficulties of Boyle will be tackled needs to be drawn up and submitted with next years entry. Litter control, the main objective set by the committee is being achieved. While the map provided was very well done and useful the adjudicator was unable to locate the mass rock and despite asking more than ten locals was unsuccessful in finding it. A fuller address for any particular feature worth noting would be helpful.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment at Boyle is one of stark contrasts. On the one hand you have wonderful stonewalls and ancient abbeys and on the other you have derelict buildings which are really lowering the tone of the Town and holding back its development architecturally. The use of a town architect for Boyle to undertake a planned improvement of the main shopping streets including a cleanup of the priceless natural feature of the gateway near Frybrook house could really pay dividends for the Town. The garish use of plastic signage in general and the old tiling behind the Boles of Boyle signage could do with marked improvement. Carty's garage is to be commended. The Boyle Motor works signage at a local junction should be removed. Local sculpture set in landscape as you approach from the Sligo side is a wonderful feature of the town.

LANDSCAPING

Boyle possesses one of the finest natural beauty in terms of mature foliage of any town in the West of Ireland and this would really stand to it should it take remedial action on its buildings. The grass verges, shrubbery and rose bushes at the junction near the Sligo road and near the abbey look wonderful. The Landscaping at the Crescent enhances the general area and softens the look of that part of the town.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river is a natural focal point for wildlife in Boyle and the sensitive development and enhancement of this wonderful amenity for wildlife and humans alike could be an ongoing focus for the committee who are looking for a suitable area.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is good and it is obvious that the committee of 15 work extremely hard on this aspect of the tidy towns competition. Perhaps an expansion of the committee could be arranged if there was sufficient interest in the town as invariably the more volunteers you have for this type of

undertaking the better. The gap between litterbins seemed to be fairly wide apart but they were being used. In general the town has a low level of litter.

TIDINESS

The adventure playground needs tidying up, as does the weed growth around the base of lighting in the car park behind King House. A review of finger post poles in the Town could be undertaken, as a number of them appear rusty and old.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private residences are very well maintained in Boyle with many mature pleasing gardens. Some of the newer estates have yet to be completed and benefit from mature planting etc. Congratulations to the committee for attempting to encourage local residential areas to form committees to maintain their estates – no doubt it will pay dividends in time.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

In general approach roads and back areas looked well. The entrance and gateway to Frybrook was again disappointing and efforts should be made to clean up this feature and remove the plastic signage.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Boyle possesses such wonderful natural beauty with mature leafy trees and ancient stone buildings that it is a very real pity there are so many neglected and derelict buildings in the main shopping streets. If a concerted effort was made to have utility poles put underground and Candon's, Herans, Finns and the property next door to Chunky pine was cleaned up the town of Boyle would be a real candidate for progressing in the Tidy Towns competition and be a serious contender at Regional and National level. Well done to the committee for their efforts to date – keep it up.