

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **KNOCKVICAR**
County : **ROSCOMMON**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	18	17
The Built Environment	40	17	17
Landscaping	40	20	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	9
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	10	10
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	156	147

Crossna/Knockvicar, Co Roscommon

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for entering the 2002 Tidy Towns competition. The map provided was of a very high standard and was a great help when assessing the area. A work plan submitted with the application, perhaps including photographs of the committee undertaking work in progress would also give the adjudicator a feel for what your objectives are for this wonderful area. Writing on the form should be printed if possible to avoid confusion.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The side of the post office near the telecom Eireann box looked unsightly and is in need of remedial action. Overall buildings appeared to be in a good state of repair. Where possible, utility poles should be placed underground and this would make a big difference to somewhere that has character such as Knockvicar. The stonewall around the green pump at Crossna is to be commended and really adds to this feature which is a familiar symbol of rural Ireland. Arigna Scenic drive signage is overgrown with foliage.

LANDSCAPING

The area is rich in natural hedgerows and greenery and care needs to be taken to ensure any landscaping undertaken is in keeping with the natural backdrop. The bedding plants near the bridge under the signage for the river and deer looked well on the day. Donnelly's pub with window boxes and shrubbery en route to Keadue looked very well and they are to be congratulated for their efforts.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This category is all about conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitats and the environment and Knockvicar has this in abundance; it is a strength Knockvicar should develop to its advantage. The preservation of a wildlife corridor at Finn lake for deer is to be commended and the river walk allows one to appreciate the abundance of wildlife and natural amenities that the area has.

LITTER CONTROL

Low level of litter in the general area. An ongoing plan of replacement of litterbins and addition of new ones could perhaps be a feature of the written plan to be undertaken by the committee.

TIDINESS

The overall impression was generally tidy. Verges outside some houses could do with tidying up.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Houses in general of a high standard with gardens and rolling lawns in evidence. A few properties and entrance gates could be freshened up still.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Grass verges in general neat and tidy but could perhaps be "edged" in places. At Crossna some areas left for wildflowers and this too looked suitable underneath the wall opposite the village pump feature.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Knockvica and Crossna is a very spread out area and this creates the difficulty of cohesiveness. The availability of voluntary labour may curtail efforts but what has been put into the project has been worth it and the locality shows much potential.