

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROOSKEY**  
County : **ROSCOMMON**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	30	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	35	33
Tidiness	20	13	14
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	7	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>214</b>

## **Rooskey, Co. Roscommon**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Welcome to the Tidy Towns competition 2002 and thank you for supporting the competition. A clear freehand map of the village showing the various roadways and items the committee would like considered for awards would enhance opportunities to award marks. An outline plan of work and some photographs of work in progress would also give the adjudicator an insight into the involvement of the committee in ongoing works and what your objectives are for the village at County and National level are.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

It is noted no progress has been made with regard to removing the old fuel pumps on the Leitrim side of the River Shannon. They look very unsightly and the accompanying hut detracts considerably from the overall ambience of the village. The Weir Lodge, Shannon Key West Hotel and Tighe's Centra food market looked well though the barbed wire over the gate at the side of the Supermarket sent out an unwelcoming message to visitors.

The Church was having work undertaken on the day in question and may need some touch up work. The Faoi dhraoicht pub looked very neat and well presented. Its castellated frontage is out of keeping with the natural streetscape of the village, but is nonetheless attractive in its own right.

Enormous signage along the riverfront promoting local pubs is very ugly and detracts from the area. It should be considerably reduced and altered to one that is sympathetic to the local landscape. The wall outside the Glanbia factory is very long and uninteresting. Perhaps, it could be covered in trailing plants or painted a cheerful colour? The blue benches opposite the national school are a useful asset for the elderly and those who have difficulty walking a distance without a break. Perhaps they too could be repainted and freshened up to a colour in tune with the overall surroundings. The bungalow near the national school is in need of repainting on its lower half. The public toilet block windows are in need of repair and detract from the area. Overall the buildings of Rooskey are well maintained and are a credit to the village.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The shrubbery and gravel beds at the Marina on the Leitrim side give year round enhancement to the village and are to be commended. All the more reason to remove the ugly pumps nearby! Have the committee considered a

long-term tree planting policy of native Irish species on the approach roads? The planting and small rockery at the Weir Lodge also looked well on the day. There was a noted absence of flowers and consideration should be given to adding the odd bit of colour to the village in this manner during high season.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

It is very important to conserve the natural habitats of local wildlife and enhance the amenities along the riverbank. Indeed, local hedgerows, grass margins, graveyards and walls all play their part in supporting and maintaining the natural amenities of Rooskey and preserving them for future generations.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was very little litter around Rooskey on the day of adjudication and locals were in evidence sweeping up litter outside their properties. Litter bins are an important piece of street furniture and consideration should be given in an ongoing manner to providing high quality bins that are attractive to the eye as part of a long term plan for overall litter control. It is obvious that the committee is getting a lot of co-operation on this one and the residents are to be commended for their efforts to control and eradicate litter from your streets.

## **TIDINESS**

Overall, the impression was one of tidiness. The bungalow next door to McGuire's shell petrol station detracts from the appearance of the village. The recycling bins were neat and tidy with no rubbish and are a credit to whoever is in charge of them. Some rusty poles for signage in the area need repainting, in particular one near Mount Carmel house. The side of Glenville house could do with painting.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses in Rooskey give evidence to pride in locality with buildings and gardens being well maintained.

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

Grass verges along main entrances and exits from the village were intermittently cut with some areas being neat and others apparently being let grown for possible wildflowers or wildlife? In the main state of the roads appeared good. Perhaps the committee could give consideration to enhancing the paths etc for persons with mobility difficulties as part of their ongoing plans for the next few years? The road surfaces in the main were of a good standard

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Rooskey gives off the air of a pleasant village facing the

river where one could enjoy a tranquil holiday or live happily. Progress is being made, but the more pro-active the committee is with visible back up both in terms of maps/photos/plans the better! A focus on the river and its wildlife plus additional shrubbery and long term tree planting would enhance the village considerably. Keep up the good work – it is in evidence.