

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RIVERSTOWN**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	32	29
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	29	32
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	23
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	218	216

Riverstown, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Riverstown Tidy Towns Committee certainly has a large number of members given the population of the village. Many thanks for your detailed submission. Your five year work programme is a most comprehensive one. The photographs included with your submission certainly give an impression of great enthusiasm particularly amongst the younger members of your community! Your map was quite clear and most useful on adjudication day.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the public and commercial buildings of the town looked well on adjudication day. The Post Office is quite charming and the corner house looked well. Perhaps replacement of plastic signage with ones of a more traditional timber variety could be considered in the not too distant future. McDermott's looked well and the Community Hall was fine but will need painting before next year's competition – the door reveal was quite flaky. The school and grounds looked extremely well as did the church – the village pump had been painted a cheerful red and green. The stone Blackthorn looked extremely well with magnificent colourful hanging baskets and window boxes. The Pharmacy and Mace were both maintained to a high standard.

LANDSCAPING

Riverstown is extremely fortunate in regard to the number of public open spaces that have been created. The Community Park and the Heritage Centre Park both looked extremely well. Individual premises such as the butcher's shop had contributed with colourful hanging baskets. The landscaping to Connaught Gold and its associated car park looked extremely well. The riversides are simply presented. The attractively landscaped area on a graveled bank beyond the church on the Heapstown Road with its signage for Neaharth Lough looked extremely well. The relatively new trees in this location were coming along nicely. The magnificently landscaped space opposite the Sligo Folk Park on its raised graveled bed and permanent planting was greatly admired.

WILDLIFE

Your plans in relation to developing the riverside area are to be commended. The adjudicator looks forward to reading the schools project on wildlife habitats when completed. The wildlife meadow and tree planting of the Folk Park are all fine achievements.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day could have been better. In a village of

Riverstown's size even one or two papers can be all the more apparent. Papers were evident in the vicinity of the council houses near the Post Office on both sides of the road! More papers were evident along the main street and in particular at the junction. More papers and bottles were evident at the Connaught Gold car park and outside its boundary wall.

TIDINESS

Riverstown Tidy Towns Committee certainly seems to have been extremely busy in relation to the painting of derelict houses and out buildings. The whitewashed wall in the centre of the village should be repainted before next year's competition as should the boundary wall of the children's playground. Weed control was a problem to the area opposite the church.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many new housing schemes were in evidence along the approach roads. In the village centre the charming two storey cottages and single storey cottages further in were greatly admired. The colourful floral displays of hanging baskets and window boxes at the house adjacent to the Post Office were admired. The beautiful garden to a house near the Corner House was greatly admired as was a charming cottage garden beyond the village nameplate on Heapstown Road.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard in this category could have been better. The Ballycawley Road was quite overgrown particularly in the vicinity of the village nameplate. However the Drumfin Road sported well cut back grassy banks with attractive overhanging trees. Road surfaces throughout were in bad condition – presumably this is due to new pavements which are under construction.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Riverstown is an attractive village set in some magnificent scenery. You have taken immense trouble to point out all the areas of interest to the visitor and this shows a high level of enthusiasm for the village's unique character.