

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSSES POINT**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	195

Rosses Point, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It would appear to have been touched on before, but four members is rather a small committee for such a large population in your village. You mentioned that you are updating your five year work programme yet did not include it with your submission. Please ensure that you submit your work programme with your application every year in order to facilitate the judging. The Marina should be a fine asset to the village when it is built and the adjudicators look forward to seeing it in place for next year's competition. Good luck with your plans for the upgrading of the scenic walk. Many thanks for your very clear map which was most useful on adjudication day.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the buildings of the village looked well cared for on adjudication day. The Church of Ireland looked quite charming and construction work appeared to be taking place here as a pile of gravel was evident at the entrance gates. Work was also ongoing at the Catholic Church where a building to the rear appeared to have been demolished. The church itself was extremely fresh, its graveyard was well maintained and attractive planting to the car park area opposite was admired. The school was extremely fresh – congratulations on its Green Flag status. In terms of commercial premises, of note were the Moorings Restaurant, Harry's Bar, The Waterfront Bar and Restaurant and Austie's. please discourage projecting plastic signs and encourage their replacement with ones of a more traditional timber variety. The Yeats Country Hotel was fine and the Yacht Club was quite fresh. The Gold Club has an attractive entrance area with signage and planting. The Post Office and Life Boat Station were both quite fresh.

LANDSCAPING

Given the vast areas that you have to cover, the landscaping is truly a monumental task. The promenade and its vast expanses of grass were well maintained and the small boats filled with flowers give a cheerful appearance. It must be pleasant to sit across the road on the benches in front of the low stone walling and admire the beautiful maritime scenery. Entering the village, the tubs filled with geraniums give a cheerful appearance and the large banked area of landscaping leading up to a double gabled house looked quite marvelous.

WILDLIFE

Rosses Point is most fortunate, located as it is in a marine environment and reaping the benefits of the associated wildlife habitats. The information points set at strategic locations will be most informative – these were noted at the beach area which was extremely well maintained.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control was extremely good on the day considering the vast expanse of area you have to cover. Minor problem areas where litter was evident was by a bin in the vicinity of the Church of Ireland, on the promenade opposite Austie's, in the vicinity of the beach and around the basketball and tennis courts.

TIDINESS

Again the village gives a very neat and ordered appearance. Minor problem areas were weed control in areas on the surface of the car park at the promenades, at the kerbs on both sides of the lower road of the promenade, and at the tennis courts. Please remember to remove dead grass when you have completed cutting the large expanses of green at the promenade. The caravan park was fine but perhaps some planting may be considered in this location to screen the caravans themselves. Please discourage posters which can give roads a rather cluttered appearance. The derelict house opposite the lifeboat station look quite forlorn.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Both housing estates and private houses are beautifully maintained. Along the approach roads a number of large houses with well maintained gardens were admired. The many B&B's contribute well to this aspect of the competition. The housing estate adjacent to the Yacht Club was well maintained. Greenland Villas by the Golf Club with its ornate Victorian detailing was admired. The magnificent green space with stone bed filled with lupins and the 18th tee feature at the single storey cottages on the Upper Road was greatly admired. A couple of charming cottage gardens including Woodbine Cottage in the vicinity of the Catholic Church looked quite charming.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Sligo was extremely well maintained. The roads throughout the village were generally maintained to a high standard. Again there is a large area to cover and these were all to a consistent standard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Rosses Point is a very busy village set in a magnificent seaside location. It has much to offer the visitor and it is obvious that local residents show pride in its appearance.