

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ROSEGREEN**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	22	22
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	181	179

Rosegreen, County Tipperary South

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the Entry Form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. In connection with the latter perhaps for next year you might mark on the map projects which have taken place during 2003 so that the Adjudicator can have sight of them. In the meantime it is recommended to Committees that they formulate a 3/5 year plan the purpose of which is to identify what environmental projects need to be carried out over that period and, on an annual basis, to identify what they can do within their physical and financial resources. This plan need not be elaborate or expansive and can be done in conjunction with your Local Authority, FAS and other agencies. In this respect it is gratifying to read that you have the support of your Local Authority for your efforts. The lack of a FAS worker at the moment is noted. Should you produce a Development Plan please send a copy with your Entry Form next year so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it. You received an in-depth report last year from the Adjudicator. The following therefore is by way of comment on further progress to date and should be read in tandem with that report.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

As last year your Community Centre, School, Church and the stonewalls looked very well and are being well maintained. The Water Tower, while it is being well maintained, is a very prominent building in the village. In that respect the Tower and its surroundings do not enhance the appearance of the area in which it is located. The Cemetery on the Golden road is now somewhat overgrown and badly needs attention. The telephone kiosk is badly in need of painting.

LANDSCAPING

There are indeed some lovely landscaped areas in the village which, in spite of the inclement weather, are being well maintained. Well done to all concerned. The area opposite the Church and near Dansies in particular looks very well as does the garden at the corner of the Fethard road near the car park. The broad green areas on the Clonmel road create a nice atmosphere on that approach. Generally speaking trees and shrubs planted in the past are now maturing very nicely and create a lovely ambience in the village. As part of your 3/5 year plan you should consider identifying other areas where trees and shrubs, which would give you some colour on an all year round basis, could be planted. Indeed there are many such places in Rosegreen as were identified in last year's report. In the future selection of trees and shrubs do take the best advice available to you which, in the first instance, could come from your Local Authority. The ivyclad Ball Alley creates a nice rustic atmosphere in the village.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading. Again, perhaps as part of your 3/5 year plan you might consider installing, at a suitable site, feeding tables and nesting boxes which would attract wild birds and will be a further enhancement of the village atmosphere. Perhaps there is someone in your locality who is interested in this type of development. The Wildlife Officer of Duchas is also available should you need advice. In the meantime you will continue to receive the same mark as last year.

LITTER CONTROL

The centre of the village was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. Unfortunately however there was some litter to be seen in the Mountain View Estate. This is an important aspect of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

TIDINESS

In general, the village was presented in a neat and tidy manner and reflects great credit on your residents and their interests in the preservation of their environment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Other than the littering mentioned above houses looked very well and are being well maintained. Many had gardens in full bloom on adjudication day which were a great credit to their owners and an important factor in the competition. Work on the new housing estate was noticed. The natural untidiness associated with this has been allowed for. The estate, when complete, will add greatly to the overall appearance of the village.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces are very good and reflect great credit on your Local Authority. Pathways are being well maintained also. Approach roads in general were nicely presented. This too is an area which needs to be constantly monitored as the condition of approach roads tends to set the tone for the rest of the village. The adjudication normally takes place from the village nameplates inwards and verges should be trimmed from thereon in bearing in mind the advice given in the Tidy Towns Handbook regarding the preservation of wild flowers.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Rosegreen is a very nice village and is obviously being well maintained by its residents and through the efforts of your Community and your Local Authority. Further progress can be made to planning and attention to detail and, in this respect, the Adjudicator

looks forward to coming back to Rosegreen again next year to see further progress.