

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROUNDWOOD**  
County : **WICKLOW**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 19-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	17
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	26
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>205</b>

## **Roundwood, County Wicklow**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

From the report of last year there is note of a plan being submitted. A continuation of the plan is needed to keep the projects rolling over and strategy planned for the future. There is considerable disruption being caused at the moment due to footpath laying and construction work. This will be completed and restoration of the more normal pattern can be established. The projects listed in the application form are very good and will enhance the village.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There is an interesting collection of both residential and business premises throughout the village. The Coach House and the Roundwood Inn are well presented with nice floral displays. The two public houses at the top of the town also look well. The overhead cables are unattractive and it would be advisable to push to have this work completed as soon as possible so that new foot path laying would not be disturbed.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Triangle of grass at the Sallygap junction and picnic areas are important open spaces as they are on the approach to the village. Removal of the grass cuttings would give a more attractive appearance to these areas. The litter bins on the picnic site are particularly prominent and maybe could be more discreetly placed. The broad grassed verges along the roadside look well and complement the mature beech trees. Individual gardens contribute well to the overall landscape of the village and the competitions held are an excellent idea.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The location of Roundwood offers very good potential for wildlife observation. The planned survey of birds in conjunction with the local school would be an excellent project, both for gathering information and for encouraging school children in their appreciation of nature. This was mentioned last year and perhaps now is the time to make headway with this. The wildflowers of the area could also be studied in a similar way to encourage awareness.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Generally litter is well controlled through the village. Some litter was noted in places and continued attention to the litter situation is needed as it is in every town and village in Ireland.

## **TIDINESS**

Because of the disruption of building work and footpath laying this aspect of the village is suffering, but this is temporary and normality will return in time. The attention to grass and weeds at kerb sides is important. The fence by the roadside opposite SPAR is causing a little untidiness as is the accumulation of displays of materials and signs on the footpath along by the SPAR supermarket .

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There is a wide variety of residences in the village, varying from streetside residences to those situated as single houses on the approach roads. There is evidence of a pride in the residences as seen by the standard of upkeep of the properties and attention to the gardens. Those needing attention become more apparent as many adopt a high standard.

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

The approach roads are nicely treated in keeping with the natural setting of the surrounding area. The grass verges are well kept but not fussy and contribute. Leaving grass cuttings on the grass is not desirable Traffic management and parking controls are two items mentioned as proposals in your application and these are very definitely priority issues.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Roundwood is a unique place with the distinction of being the highest village in Ireland. Many pass through on route to Glendalough and the appearance could be enhanced considerably by a well planned development programme.