

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rostellan-Farsid**

Ref: **598**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **227**

Category: **A**

Date: **29/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	23	23
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	27
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	227	223

Overall Developmental Approach:

The tidy towns committee has achieved very much judging by the map provided with the entry form showing all the areas of activity of the tidy towns committee. Planning for future developments is an important part of the work and a comprehensive plan setting out all the objectives, how they will be achieved, by whom and when will help to focus peoples minds. This will ensure future development of the village will be in a unified way. Working with local authorities will also enable achievements. The project with Duchas in relation to the bird sanctuary is important work.

The Built Environment:

The buildings in the village are mostly made up of terraces of houses. The front terrace on the main road by the Public House and shops are well maintained and painted well. Over the years various alterations to structure of these has been made – doors and windows have been replaced. The result now is that there is a range of various styles. It would be nice if a more uniform approach were taken to preserve the integration of this terrace. Similarly with the upper terrace of single storied housing.

The old stonewalls of the village are very attractive and give good character to the village. The wall to the roadside below the upper village looks very well and also those towards the pier. The removal of rendering and revealing of the stone on the front of the public house is questionable as these buildings were meant to have the rendering covered to protect them and also in the interests of unity of the terrace.

Landscaping:

There is a great amount of landscape work all along a considerable stretch of roadside from the picnic area on the Middleton side and all along the waterfront through the village. All of this takes a great deal of time to maintain and the efforts here are excellent. The containers and the picnic tables look well and being mounted on concrete both protects them and allows for a firm base. The seats were also noted at the wall. Individual gardens contribute well in this regard too. The greens area along the way towards the bridge is well mown and looks very attractive.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The lake is obviously a major important site for wild life and the work in this regard is acknowledged. The signs with information are very helpful for wild life appreciation. The woodlands also offer unique opportunities for the enjoyment of the local wild life. A compilation of local factual knowledge about personal observations would be interesting. This could form the basis of material that could be handed onto young generations.

Litter Control:

There is a very clean village presentation in Rostellan with only small amounts of litter noted. The new bins are attractive and the constant vigilant of people as well as the continual programme of litter awareness and promotion will help to keep a good standard.

Tidiness:

The village is very tidy. The ice cream cone sign on the grass verge is not the most attractive item in the lovely setting. The area by the telephone kiosk appears to have been tidied. The pier was very tidy and well presented. The base for the picnic tables is a very good idea as long grasses frequently occur at such places and these spots are difficult to maintain.

Residential Areas:

There is a very good sense of pride in the homes in the village. Both sets of terraces look well and are well painted and presented. Individual houses along the roadside look well cared for and contribute well. The containerised plantings are used to good effect and are very important since the terraced houses have no front gardens.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach roads are attractively treated. The large grassed verges and tree and shrub planting on these approaches give a very welcoming entrance to the village. The extended walkways along by the waterfront on the roads gives a very pleasant aspect to the village. The various plaques to be read on walking about Rostellan makes it all the more interesting and the compilation of all the information is a marvelous achievement and something that other villages could well copy.

General Impression:

Rostellan is a very pleasant place to visit with both historical and wild life interests to be pursued. The waterfront walk is a particularly good feature. Forward planning will help to achieve more and in a unified way

