

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Knockcroghery**

Ref: **144**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **200**

Category: **A**

Date: **21/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	34
The Built Environment	40	21	21
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	17	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	200	195

Overall Developmental Approach:

Knockcroghery is welcome to the 2003 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your completed application and your three/ five year work programme. We note with interest from your submission the existence on the activities of your junior Tidy Towns Committee, well done. This indeed will pay dividends for future years. Well done also on your partnership approach liaising with the County Council and the ESB. Is it good to note the sponsorship that is available from the local community. The village offers a pleasant oasis for the travelling public and must of course present problems to the committee of litter control, being located on a national primary route.

The Built Environment:

The church looked well. The school looked quite well but its boundary wall and some part of the school building itself were beginning to look a little weather stained, and will probably have to be cleaned or painted soon. There were excellent traditional window features on the J.S Murray Bar and General Merchant, these should be retained upon refurbishment. The Clay Pipe Bar needs to be refurbished. Pats looked reasonably well.

Landscaping:

Older landscaping is maturing nicely and of course is being maintained to an excellent standard. Well

done to all concerned, particularly to the junior Tidy Towns Committee. The new sculpture features on the green have been noted and were admired. It is good to note that the picnic area is wheelchair accessible. Flower displays are colourful and are a credit to all concerned with their development and maintenance, well done.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Perhaps it would be possible to develop a temporary wild flower garden in some of the undeveloped sites which may be due for development over the next three or four years. It would be important to identify local wild flowers and to use local wild flower seeds only as foreign seeds can be invasive under Irish conditions. Perhaps a bird survey might be undertaken or a more comprehensive survey to identify existing wildlife habitats.

Litter Control:

Well done on your performance under this heading, you have maintained the high standard achieved in previous years. Litter control was excellent. Again thanks must go to the junior Tidy Towns Committee.

Tidiness:

Lots of building materials were noted at a variety of locations around the village, however, with work in progress this is not unusual. Just ensure that all materials are removed upon completion of construction work. The usual derelict properties continue to present a problem, hopefully this will not last indefinitely. Weed growth was noted along the curb of some traffic islands and the base of some roadside boundary walls. The recycling point looked exceptionally tidy.

Residential Areas:

We note with interest the new housing development on the southern entrance to the village and trust that these will be finished to a high standard to their roadside edge and in respect of green verges within the development. Dwellings fronting onto the street in the village centre are for the most part well presented. Dwellings on elevated sites in the village centre were admired for their gardens. The old house located across from the Post Office has wonderful traditional features which should be retained upon refurbishment. The stone boundary walls to properties located across from the church were admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Roads and footpaths in general are quite well surfaced with the exception of the Corbooly road which needed some resurfacing work. Car parks were neatly presented and street furniture is well maintained. Name plates looked well. It was good to note the absence of wirescape in the village centre.

General Impression:

Knockcroghery has maintained the standard achieved in previous years, it is always a pleasure to visit your charming village, we look forward to many repeat visits. Keep up the good work.