

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosses Point**

Ref: **756**

County: **Sligo**

Mark: **207**

Category: **B**

Date: **15/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	17
Litter Control	40	30	27
Tidiness	20	14	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>200</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Many thanks for your detailed application. The Development Plan was most helpful and will be a great guide to your development. It was heartening to see you already implementing it.

### The Built Environment:

Rosses Point, despite considerable ongoing development, presents very well and retains some of the characteristic of its marine and fishing village origins. The commercial buildings all present well. Public utilities such as the School and Garda Barracks were splendid. The two churches, as in other years, were beautifully presented and are a credit to the praying communities who maintain them. A number of 'backlots' and vacant development sites marred an otherwise smart area and should be addressed.

### Landscaping:

The newly developed car park opposite Harry's, although just completed, is a major improvement and we hope the quality of the work will be replicated elsewhere in the village as your Development Plan rolls out. An area especially in need of this treatment is opposite the magnificent Waiting on Shore and around Elsinore House generally. The beds and memorials along the prom were looking good.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

As noted before the "sea bird" signs at the beach are helpful. Similar could be easily achieved along the sea walk from the Pier. Unfortunately this was almost impassable on the day of adjudication with very heavy grass growth. Such a lovely feature of the village should be enhanced.

## **Litter Control:**

There was little or no litter anywhere on the day of adjudication...well done! The Beach area (after a busy weekend) was in excellent condition and it was heartening to see local authority workers cleaning the beach. High traffic areas such as the caravan park and the very busy yacht club were in excellent condition. It was noted that all litter bins in the village were empty.

## **Tidiness:**

From the approach road and throughout the village there was a strong sense of order and tidiness. The very smart pastel painted tubs set the tone and the neat hedges finished the picture. The removal of the derelict portakabin was a huge improvement. Some side paring along the lawn side of the prom would have helped and the graveyard paths needed tending. Noxious weeds on the sea side of the prom road should have been dealt with although the overall 'wildness' is appropriate

## **Residential Areas:**

The houses on the left, as you approach the village, display some wonderful colourful planting. Greenlands was very well presented as were the larger executive homes near the church. Ros Beolainn tubs were attractive and it was interesting to see the Special Olympics signs used in a novel way! Some of the gardens here were less than attractive however. The older cottages along the top road were, as usual, excellent and very attractive blue pot planting outside a house at the back of the small estate opposite the church set a standard for any location. Granite estate signs on the village entrances to new developments were worthy of imitation throughout the village.

## **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

Poor road surfaces in many of the estate areas were a major detraction. The backsites already noted were also an issue under this heading. Care should be taken that roof-scapes etc. in new developments do not damage the classic scale of the Memory Harbour of Jack Yeats importance, especially along the village street.

## **General Impression:**

Overall you have done better this year. Keep pursuing the issues in the development Plan and keep expanding your committee. A windswept location brings its own difficulties any particular year but the natural attributes of Rosses Point greatly compensate. Keep up the overall effort, capitalise on your local resources ( people and funding) and you will do even better.

