

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosscarbery**

Ref: **183**

County: **Cork West**

Mark: **228**

Category: **B**

Date: **30/01/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	33	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	30	29
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	228	224

Overall Developmental Approach:

Rosscarbery Tidy Towns Association certainly has a large committee of 24 and continues to do marvelous work. You are in the last year of your development plan, so do ensure that you formulate a new one before next year's competition and include it with your entry. Your work in regard to the landscaping at the Catholic Church, the landscaped area on the Middle Road and work to river at Newtown are all to be highly commended, as they look extremely well.

The Built Environment:

Both commercial and public premises throughout the village looked well on adjudication day. The Ross Lodge and Tavern looked well as did O'Callaghan Walshe's, The Pilgrim's Rest and the very colourful Nolan's. Hanging baskets were most cheerful and vibrant, particularly those to the Abbey Bar. The Craft Shop, in its prominent location at the top of the Square, looked very bright and cheerful. The Catholic Church, its grounds and grotto were all extremely well maintained. Lisavaid Co-op on the main road was fine. Signage to the Courthouse Bar and Celtic Ross should be repainted before next year's competition, as they appeared quite flaky. However, both premises were presented extremely well - the latter sporting some magnificent planting at the entrance. Construction work was taking place to a building at the corner of the Glandore Road. Stephen's Bistro was a new addition to the village since this adjudicator last visited. It was well presented, as indeed was the Post Office.

Landscaping:

Construction work appeared to be taking place to the area between the playground and the rowing club and the adjudicator looks forward with interest to what will emerge in this locality. The playground was well maintained and well used on the day! Open spaces to the roadsides looked well, particularly the planted bed at the Skibbereen entrance to the village and opposite the Celtic Ross Hotel. The new landscaping at the Catholic Church entrance area was admired, as was the area on the Middle Road. Stone walling looked extremely well on Abbey Road and the trees add a marvelous ambience to the village square. Planted beds of begonias on the Skibbereen Road were greatly admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Rosscarbery is indeed fortunate in regard to the magnificent heritage of wildlife habitats in its locality, with the magnificent estuary and lagoon area, and its wealth of magnificent mature trees. Information boards at the water's edge gave the visitors information in regard to the wealth of bird life to be seen. The area looked quite magnificent on the day of adjudication, as the tide was in and it looked at its best. Your work in regard to the cleaning of the river at Newtown and along the Mill Road is to be commended.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was reasonable, although papers were evident on the square and a cement bag and coffee cup were evident on the road alongside the Cathedral. A few papers were also noted at the picnic area on the Closheen Lane / Skibbereen Road junctions. In a village of Rosscarbery's size, even a small amount of litter is all the more evident!

Tidiness:

A building adjacent to Centra and also buildings to the rear of Centra were not presented to the same standard as the shop itself. A rusty tin roof to a shed near the church looked unfortunate and should be repainted up in its traditional red or green colour before next year's competition. Do discourage fly posting as it can give roads a rather cluttered and tatty appearance.

Residential Areas:

There are a large number of houses and holiday homes throughout the village. Most are quite in - keeping with the character of Rosscarbery with a good use of indigenous stone. New houses were noted on Barrack and Tanyard Lanes, since this adjudicator last had the pleasure in visiting Rosscarbery. The well - maintained houses set on raised gardens near the Catholic Church were greatly admired, as indeed were the very fresh Celtic Cottages near the village centre.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

New signage to streets was greatly admired. The Skibbereen approach looked well, although was not to the same standard further in - weeds were apparent at the roadside to a long graveled area running beside the road. Verges on the Cork Road were good although its surface was quite potholed as was that on Abbey Road.

General Impression:

Rosscarbery is a most attractive village, which had shown great improvements since this adjudicator last had the pleasure of visiting the centre a number of years ago. Well done to all concerned!

