

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rooskey**

Ref: **513**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **220**

Category: **B**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	35	35
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	220	218

Overall Developmental Approach:

You are very welcome to Tidy Towns 2004. Again this year it is advised to formulate a 3-5 year work programme. This can set in place achievable targets and helps to focus the committee on categories requiring special attention each year. Set out some realistic objectives that you can work to. This can help motivate local residents and increase alertness to tidy towns projects. The village was in very good condition on adjudication day and is a credit to your committee.

The Built Environment:

The boundary walls at the Glanbia plant could do with a repainting. The new fountain at the church will be a welcome addition to the western side of the town. The Hotel and Weir Lodge are fine buildings and add to the attractive riverside area. The canal walk is a great asset for your growing town. The Faoi Dhraoicht was admired and really caught the eye for its subtle facade.

Landscaping:

Generally, the green areas of the town are maintained to a high standard. Bush's on the eastern side of the river are a little overgrown and there is a bench is need of some immediate attention. The landscaping adjoining the hotel was admired. Again with the wide stretches of footpath, some tree planting would be advised.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Unfortunately, the flora and fauna study has not been completed yet and hopefully will aid developments in this area when completed. The canal walk provides an idyllic walk with much to see in terms of wildlife.

Litter Control:

Despite your worries about cigarette butts following the smoking ban, the adjudicator could find no evidence of this. The town was virtually litter free, although there was some wrappers at the side of the Centra shop.

Tidiness:

Again, some of the older buildings in the town for sale were in need of a sprucing up. The limestone kerbing over the bridge was in very good condition and adds to the attractiveness of the riverside area. It was noted that the village footpaths were weed free and well maintained.

Residential Areas:

This category was again very strong for Rooskey. The majority of residential properties were well cared for and well maintained. The properties on the Strokestown entrance to the village were admired. The Shannon View development appears to be a very attractive addition to the town.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

You have much new development taking place, so inevitably there is much building rubble etc. in view. The village approach roads are presented to a high standard. The new lighting on the Strokestown entrance to the village was admired.

General Impression:

The Rooskey Residents Association is doing a very good job in organising this year's tidy towns entry. The village is a credit to them and they are to be commended. The inclusion of a plan and map in next year's entry would be welcomed. Well done.