

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Roscommon**

Ref: **384**

County: **Roscommon**

Mark: **217**

Category: **D**

Date: **21/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	38
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	20
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	10	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	28
General Impression	10	8	7
TOTAL MARK	300	217	214

Overall Developmental Approach:

Welcome to Tidy towns 2004 and thank you for entry form. Your detailed submission to this years tidy towns aided the adjudication greatly. Roscommon has been thriving over the last year but has managed to maintain and improve on its aesthetic qualities also. It is noted that close co-operation by your committee with the local council and businesses has been key to your success. Congratulations on last years Wildlife award and best of luck this year!

The Built Environment:

The new A&E in Roscommon County Hospital was noted as being attractive as well as the commercial businesses on the Curraghboy Road, Lanesborough Road and Roscommon West Business Park. Of particular note is the new government department buildings beside the convent secondary school and the Stone Court building in the square. Hopefully the building site on main street can be tidied up a bit. The new supermarkets should be encouraged to maintain attractive premises and your meetings with the manager of Tescos has been noted. The Brogans Lane project is superb and a credit to your committees work.

Landscaping:

Again the adjudicator was impressed with the standard of landscaping. The efforts in Abbey Town

are of particular note. The town park is one of the finest in the country and an asset to the town. The flowerbeds at the bridge on the Galway Road approaching Lisnamult were again admired. Unfortunately, due to election banners most of the roundabouts seemed unsightly, I realise that this is temporary, and that is noted!

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The bird walk is a welcome addition to the town park. Encouraging the use of the walk as a nature trail for local schools is welcomed. The landscaping at the front of the castle has really improved the attractiveness of this magnificent asset. The walkway to the Dominican Abbey was again admired.

Litter Control:

Encouraging Church Street to become litter free and putting an onus on businesses to play their part is welcomed. The area in front of the Arts Centre needs some tidying up, as well as some litter on the landscaping on the Galway Road approach in Abbeytown. Some litter was noted in Castle Street but generally the town was quite strong in this category.

Tidiness:

Generally the town is tidy. However, the area in front of Doyles, across from the mart and a few building sites were unsightly and take away from the towns appeal, it is vital these areas are improved and completed to a high standard. The areas surrounding signposts on all approaches were well maintained.

Residential Areas:

Work with local residents associations is welcomed. Of particular note residential properties on the Antogher Road and Galway Road were well maintained and tidy. However, the small road approaching a new development on the Lanesborough Road was untidy with a lot of building materials left about. The developments on Brogans Lane are very attractive.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Very good overall. On adjudication day, there was a lot of digging through the town. However, pathways, grass verges and flower beds were all well maintained. Your encouragement of landowners to plant suitable trees on the Boyle and Castlerea Roads is noted and should be further encouraged.

General Impression:

Roscommon is growing as a town at a rapid rate. Where other towns in similar circumstances have encouraged progress at the expense of a tidy town, Roscommon has avoided this. Your town is a credit to you. Of particular note is your efforts in maintaining the towns strong cultural and heritage sites. Well done.