

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rossadrehid**

Ref: **114**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **231**

Category: **A**

Date: **02/08/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	34	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	231	229

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your community involvement and that of the County Council with your efforts was to be seen to good effect in Rossadrehid on adjudication day. The village looked extremely nice and those involved with your Committee are to be applauded for their efforts. Thank you for the information included with your entry form and also for the South Tipperary County Council make-over plan for Rossadrehid and your comments in this respect are noted. You received an in depth report from the adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on perceived further progress to date and should be made in tandem with that report.

The Built Environment:

Although on a busy rural road the bridges are being very well maintained and have benefited from their new coat of paint. A good standard is also being maintained at commercial premises in the village. The Grotto is a lovely feature and was much admired. The new painting of premises was also noted and adds greatly to the overall appearance of the village.

Landscaping:

Tubs of flowers, hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs presented throughout the village, looked lovely and reflect great credit on their providers. The flower bed and the painting of the gate at the

cul-de-sac was also admired. Where possible try to extend your landscaping presentation. Perhaps this could be done within the context of the new County Council Plan. The picnic area on the Bansha Road looks very nice but, on adjudication day, the grass needed cutting.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

What you have done in preserving the wildlife habitat in the vicinity of the river and the bridges at Rossadrehid is exemplary. It would be wonderful if ducks and swans could be introduced to the area or indeed the provision of nesting boxes and feeding tables perhaps, on the river bank, which would be a lovely attraction for both residents and visitors alike. Do give some consideration to such a project under this heading which, in addition, will also gain some extra marks.

Litter Control:

Rossadrehid was litter free on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned. This reflects greatly the interest which your residents have in the presentation of their environment.

Tidiness:

The village was, yet again, presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Some road works were noted as indeed was the open storage of road material at the Recycling Centre. When the work is completed this untidiness will pass. In the meantime it has been allowed for in the adjudication. The village looks lovely. Well done to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Rossadrehid does not have that many houses but those that are there are being very maintained and looked lovely. Gardens were in full bloom on adjudication day and were much admired. These individual efforts are very important in the overall Tidy Towns programme and all concerned are to be applauded.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads looked extremely well again this year and, in all cases, created a lovely impression on approaching the village. Road signs and nameplate signs are being very well maintained and, in the case of the latter, were very clean. Well done.

General Impression:

As always, Rossadrehid has risen to the occasion and your efforts are to be much admired this year. Try where possible to carry out further projects under the various headings of the competition which will have the effect of giving you extra marks. You have already reached a very high standard and mark and further success will come as a result of planning and attention to detail. The adjudicator looks forward to returning again next year particularly if the County Council's Plan is in train.

Second Round Adjudication:

A meander along all the little bridges and riverside parks is always a delight at Rossadrehid. The very carefully mown and tended parks and riverside areas are a credit to those who maintain them. The painting – mentioned above – while the white painted barriers were well painted the yellow and black bars of the bridges seem to be a little in need of refurbishment, the area damaged needs to be repaired swiftly. The Muskry park area has a serious heap of metal components dumped above the bridge and is unhelpful. The village road is newly surfaced and marked which has a splendid result. The work at the crossroads – kerbing is in progress and causing some disruption at the moment. The existing stone kerbing has been admired in the past and it is a pity that stone kerbing could not be

used in the new work especially as it fronts a delightful stonewall. The Grotto notice requesting suggestions hopefully will have a good result – one suggestion is to construct a modest sized stone grotto using the lovely stone of the area and removing the surrounding rails and barrier incorporating the grotto neatly recessed to the corner at the cross. At the River Park there is a litterbin overflowing with litter on the surrounding area – this is very unwelcome. A parking bay included in the chestnut park would be very helpful so that people could pull in. A tree fallen across the path in the nature garden wooded area needs attention.