

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rostellan-Farsid**

Ref: **35**

County: **Cork South**

Mark: **234**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	27	27
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	234	230

Overall Developmental Approach:

The community is obviously implementing the three year plan which has been outlined. It is a good approach to deal with the different items on a priority basis. Such an approach also demonstrates to the community at large that real progress is being made. There is obviously a good level of coordination in the Tidy Towns effort here throughout the whole village. It is encouraging that the standard in the village is improving and this is very encouraging for the future.

The Built Environment:

The business premises in the village are well presented and the areas adjoining them are quite tidy. In the GAA Field the hall, changing rooms etc. were excellently painted and looked very impressive, a credit to the club. Other individual buildings in and around the village were quite well presented giving a quite good impression of the buildings overall.

Landscaping:

There is obviously considerable emphasis on landscaping in the efforts of the community in respect of this aspect of the competition. The area is very considerably enhanced by the extensive planting which has been carried out in the village. In the main approaches to the village there is impressive landscaping and in the areas where planting has been carried out, green areas in the vicinity are

neatly trimmed and well attended to. An important aspect of the work in this regard is the variation of shrubs and trees which are in evidence throughout the village. In addition to more permanent planting there are very colourful window boxes and hanging baskets in many areas of the village. Also there are colourful flower tubs and flower beds in a number of areas all combining to present a pleasant atmosphere throughout the village. The landscaping at the waterside area in the vicinity of the bridge is excellent.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

In this community too there is a strong emphasis on the wildlife of the area and for obvious reasons. The magnificent wildlife habitat of Rostellan Lake and the fine mature woodland in the vicinity makes the area very rich in wildlife. The many well presented display boards depicting the area's wildlife is both informative and educational exercise. The Bird Hide which is well positioned in the village is an excellent idea in an area where there is so much wildlife to watch. The numbers of swans and duck in evidence at the pier area was extremely pleasant.

Litter Control:

There seems to be an improvement in the litter situation this year. Litter bins are in place in a number of areas throughout the village and this in itself helps to create the necessary awareness of litter. The main area of the village, for example near business premises, green areas etc. were free of litter. However litter control efforts have to be continuous and it is suggested that litter control should feature permanently in your plan/programme for the future. The community should continue with its efforts which are being made at present.

Tidiness:

There was generally a good level of tidiness throughout the village. The green areas along the village were particularly tidy. Also in the vicinity of the many picnic tables and seating areas too, there was general tidiness. In the pier area where there are picnic tables and seating and a popular area, the area still was quite tidy. The entrance to Pairc Ui Riain - GAA Field was very tidy and the entrance walls were nicely painted. The area around the telephone kiosk near the bridge area was also tidy.

Residential Areas:

Houses and gardens in and around the village area were well presented. The row terraced houses overlooking the lake are colourful and well attended. In approach roads to the village, like the Upper Aghada road, houses and gardens were tastefully presented. In general all residents by attending to gardens, providing widow boxes etc. are playing an important role in presenting a favourable image for the community generally.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main approach roads to the village were of a very good standard. The road from Midleton was of a very high standard. Here green areas were neatly trimmed and picnic tables, seats etc. were well attended to. Also the road from Whitegate was of a very good standard. All street furniture throughout the village was very well maintained and well attended to. As outlined in your work plan, the new high quality flower tubs look very well. The old style water pump located at an entrance to a residential area is being well maintained. The stone plaque giving the history of Rostellan Castle, erected on the bridge is wall is clean and well maintained. The People's Path is an important amenity for the community.

General Impression:

The community of Rostellan-Farsid work in a coordinated way to improve the community

environment by active participation in the Tidy Towns Competition. By pursuing the Action Plan which has been drawn up, significant progress can be made and so enhance further this very pleasantly located village. A good foundation is now in place as a result of efforts already made.

Second Round Adjudication:

Great credit is due for the beautiful upkeep of such a vast amount of space along the roadsides of the village – this is much appreciated as it provides a lovely enhancement of the already beautiful region and an opportunity to view the area to perfection. The picnic areas, well tended grassed areas and tree and shrub planting gives permanency to the entire landscape. The lake view row of houses is well cared for and hopefully the road surface by these houses will be resurfaced. There are very good facilities for bird observation. The pier is particularly attractive with the large ash tree, picnic tables and well-kept surrounds. The entire village is very clean and the well done to all concerned.