

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosegreen**

Ref: **440**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **184**

Category: **B**

Date: **15/07/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	
The Built Environment	40	25	
Landscaping	40	29	
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	
Litter Control	40	22	
Tidiness	20	15	
Residential Areas	30	21	
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	
General Impression	10	7	
TOTAL MARK	300	184	

Overall Developmental Approach:

Rosegreen Development Association certainly seems to appreciate the high level of practical assistance it gets from the local residents. Do you feel that you need more financial assistance? If so, you should look at the possibility of raising funds or pursue possible grants from Tipperary County Council. The adjudicator was disappointed to note that you had not included your work programme, although this had been mentioned in last year's report! You should submit this document with each year's application. We look forward to seeing your work in relation to the green space in front of playing fields and that opposite this area.

The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial premises in the village looked well on adjudication day. In terms of commercial premises, Gala looked well and Dansies' creeper - clad front was quite charming. Do discourage the practice of plastic signage and encourage its replacement with signs of a more traditional timber variety. The Post Office was fine also. The school and grounds were quite neat although the grounds would benefit from further landscaping - perhaps some more trees would soften the bare appearance somewhat? The church was well presented, although you have mentioned you are in the process of organising funding in order to repaint it.

Landscaping:

This is an aspect of the competition that you obviously enjoy and the adjudicators are looking forward to your future projects. Further landscaping projects would be of benefit in a number of locations listed elsewhere in this report. The stone boundary wall to the graveyard was well maintained and the gates were in good condition but the surface of the forecourt area to the front was extremely pot-holed - pools of water were lodging. A number of large green spaces on the Cashel Road were in need of attention - these should either be cut to the same standard as other large green spaces within the village or perhaps you should consider creating a wildflower meadow-like effect? The large green space in front of the playing fields sported freshly cut grass, but the cut grass had yet to be removed. The open space beside the handball alley was greatly admired and some attractive planting to the top of the stone wall on the Cashel Road looked well but had yet to come into its own!

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It was disappointing to note that you had left this section of the application form blank. This was an issue in last year's report and that of the previous year. There is obviously a wealth of wildlife habitats in the locality. You should consult with local experts in order to get their advice on wildlife habitats in the area. You could also involve local school children in a number of potential wildlife projects, such as building bird feeder tables or preparing a wildlife information board etc. Do consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for further ideas for developing this category of the competition.

Litter Control:

Although the village appeared litter free, closer inspection revealed some problem areas. Rubbish had been dumped at the Bring Station which looked unfortunate. One or two papers and bottles were evident on the green spaces on both the Clonmel Road and the Cashel Road and a great deal of litter was evident in the handball court which created a very bad impression. There was also evidence of papers to the open space in the centre of the village in the vicinity of the shops-these appeared to have been there for some time.

Tidiness:

On passing through the village it appeared neat and ordered, but closer inspection revealed some problem areas. Weed control was a problem at kerbsides on the Fethard and Clonmel Roads and also beneath the bench outside the graveyard and to the yard below the water tower. This is an area that should be screened from public view, as at the moment it looks quite messy. Although the retention of the traditional phone box is commendable, it is in very bad condition and should be restored to its former glory. Both of these previous issues were commented upon in the last two years of reports! A tin shed on the Fethard Road is in need of a fresh coat of paint in a traditional red or green colour. Building materials should be removed once building work is complete - a pile of gravel appeared to be abandoned on the Cashel Road. There were one or two yard areas which were in need of screening from public view. The damage to the wall of the Community Centre should be repaired and hopefully some work can take place to the derelict cottage in the centre of the village.

Residential Areas:

The houses on the Fethard Road were fine although a number of the boundary walls will need attention before next year's competition. Rosemount Estate needs some landscaping to soften its open space, which appeared extremely overgrown on the day. The timber post and rail fence gives a somewhat temporary appearance to this area and should be replaced with something of a more permanent nature such as indigenous hedging in beech or hawthorn or even a stone wall. An attractive garden on the Cashel Road filled with roses and marigolds was admired and there were a

number of attractive houses on the Golden Road - in particular Hillview Lodge with its lovely garden and stone entranceway. Another site was for sale on the Cashel Road. Do try to ensure that any development shows sensitivity to the unique character and nature of the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The Fethard Road was quite overgrown and the village nameplate was quite obscured as a result. The Clonmel Road was in better condition and an attractive property on this road contributes well to its presentation. The children crossing sign however was in need of some attention. Along the Cashel Road, the relatively new paving was admired and an attractive display of pansies at the village nameplate looked well. However, the road itself quite overgrown at the base of hegerows, although the hedgerows themselves appeared to have been cut back. The standard on the Golden Road was not as good with roadsides and hedgerows appearing quite neglected and again the village nameplate was obscured by overgrowth.

General Impression:

Rosegreen is a village set in a busy location on the Cashel to Clonmel Road. The standard appeared quite inconsistent on the day - although a number of areas were well presented, there were others that looked quite neglected. Do concentrate on tidying up problem areas and developing ongoing landscaping projects. Good luck with all your future work.