

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rossadrehid**

Ref: **43**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **234**

Category: **A**

Date: **11/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	33	32
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	21
Litter Control	40	31	32
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	234	231

Overall Developmental Approach:

Rossadrehid Community Association have now completed its work programme, as you have told us in your submission. It is therefore important that you formulate a new work programme in order to carry on your good work. You mentioned also a South Tipperary County Council make-over plan in last year's submission - do ensure that this is also submitted for next year's competition, in order that the adjudicator can have the benefit of it on the day. Your high level of enthusiasm, and the great pleasure you have obviously taken in the enhancement of your village, is to your credit. Congratulations on all the hard work, achievements made and good luck with your future endeavours.

The Built Environment:

The Village Store looked very fresh in yellow and red. An outbuilding and car park area also looked extremely well. The grotto was beautifully presented and extremely fresh.

Landscaping:

The grotto has been mentioned elsewhere in this report. The picnic area was well presented. The grass had been cut but the dead grass had not been removed, unfortunately. The attractive timber

benches and street furniture were greatly admired. The marvellous landscaping to the junction with the cul-de-sac was admired, as was the new planting at the pump. The Riverside Park looked well and is a marvellous asset to have. The attractive planted bed opposite the wildlife area were admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The wildlife area looked well with its timber signage and timber style. The wildlife information board had a distinct charm. Your provision of seats and feeding tables in this location is to be commended.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was good, but even one or two papers in a village of Rossadrehid's size are all the more obvious. A few papers were spotted in the picnic area and along the Bansha Road and a few more papers were noted by the whitewashed bridge near the centre of the village. New litter bins were noted and admired.

Tidiness:

The recycling area was generally quite tidy although its forecourt area appeared to be a little weedy. Piles of gravel were evident to the yard area - do ensure building materials are removed once construction work is complete. Major work appeared to be taking place by Tipperary South County Council at the time of adjudication, as a number of workmen and lorries were evident in this location. You do need to ensure that your hard work does not go to waste and implement a maintenance programme. The timber footbridge on the far side of the village by the picnic area will need some repainting, as will the yellow and black metal bridges and the whitewashed bridge beyond the wildlife area should be repainted before next year's competition. The new paving was admired but do be vigilant of weed control in this location.

Residential Areas:

Houses were, for the most part, well presented. A new house was under construction on the day. A particularly pretty cottage garden was greatly admired. The marvellous entrance area to a house adjacent to the wildlife area with its attractive planting and individual bridge looked well.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Along the Cahir Road, the verges had been cut back but the dead grass had yet to be removed. The Mitchelstown Road was fine. The permanent planting below the village nameplate sign was greatly admired and the verges were well cut. On the Bansha side of the village, the freshly whitewashed bridge was admired. Grass verges had been cut but dead grass had yet to be removed. Do bear in mind bird nesting times when cutting the hedgerows back. Signage had been repainted but just be careful that it does not look too "fuzzy" in legibility!

General Impression:

Rossadrehid is a most charming and attractive centre, whose residents are obviously pleased with the work they have undertaken over the last number of years and the great achievements they have made. Congratulations to all concerned and make sure that you keep up the good work - formulate a work programme in order to maintain this standard in the years to come!

Second Round Adjudication:

Rossadrehid is an attractive small village where the community has given a quarter of a century to environmental improvement. Your 2nd round adjudicator would like to congratulate you on what you

have achieved to date. Chestnut Park is a beautiful amenity area as are your other landscaped areas. The immediate area of the Bring Centre was neat and tidy but the two large piles of gravel still remain. If this area is to be a County Council storage area then it should be screened off from public view. Black and white is an important colour scheme in Rossadrehid and buildings were well presented on 2nd round adjudication day. A derelict car was noted on the Lake Muskry approach road and this might be removed by the owner or screened from view. Litter control was not especially good on 2nd round adjudication day. Litter was noted on all approach roads and especially on the Cahir road where approximately a dozen pieces were noted on the left hand approach verge. On the Lake Muskry road cut grass had not been removed and this made the cut area look a little untidy. In some cases verge grass had been cut too tight and this should be avoided.