

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosemount**

Ref: **300**

County: **Westmeath**

Mark: **218**

Category: **B**

Date:

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	38
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	11	11
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	31
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	218	216

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator would like to thank the committee for their completed application form which includes a detailed and concise map and a brief village plan. These items assisted the adjudicator and highlights work carried out during the year. It is evident that the committee continues to work hard as the maintenance of the large grassed areas involves huge commitment.

The Built Environment:

This village is dominated by the church to one end and an abundance of well maintained stone walls throughout the village, the spectacular views from the site of the "Bog Oak" feature. Some of the road surfaces could be improved particularly outside the GAA pitch. The school again was maintained to a high standard but the gate needs to be painted.

Landscaping:

There is a huge amount of work involved to maintain the quality of the landscaping in Rosemount. The small amenity area with the low wall and seating is a nice feature. New landscaping has been carried out and the bog oak is an impressive central feature to the area. Again the pump looks well but the sign needs attention. Some new trees have been planted on the Moate road entrance to the pump and need care as do the trees planted opposite the Bog Oak feature. The village signs could

be cleaned.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The hedgerows have been sensitively cut to allow for wildlife. The adjudicator looks forward to the erection of the boards. The mature trees throughout the village affords extra habitat for wildlife.

Litter Control:

Litter control is excellent. It is nice to see school children involved in this. The committee should consider providing additional litterbins that would fit in at key amenity sites. The litterbin by the bog oak feature was full on the day of inspection. Due to the village layout it is quite a large area to patrol and the committee are to be commended on the job they are doing in this respect.

Tidiness:

Much could be done to improve the area around the recycling bins in the GAA grounds. Old farm machinery and rubbish were visible at the adjacent site to the GAA grounds and weeds were evident. The appearance of the pub and shop could be improved with additional planting. The petrol pumps are rusty. The large amenity areas were extremely tidy and well maintained.

Residential Areas:

The residential areas are excellent, most have beautiful gardens. It is obvious that residents take great pride in their homes.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Rosemount signage needs to be replaced or cleaned. The signpost at the water pump likewise was rusty and unattractive. In general the approach roads were of an exceptional standard and sensitive to the natural environment.

General Impression:

Rosemount is a very pleasing village that is widely spread out and needs a lot of work to maintain the standard it has presently reached. Congratulations to all concerned

Second Round Adjudication: