

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rossadrehid** Ref: **602**
County: **Tipperary (South)** Mark: **248**
Category: **A** Date(s): **12/07/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	38
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	36
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	23
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	248

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission, which included a layout map and photographs showing the before and after development of the bridge. These enclosures facilitated adjudication on the day. Rossadrehid is situated in the foothill approach to Galteemore and displays all the charm and character of traditional, vernacular, rural architecture. The committee are to be again commended for the support of their own wider community and the Local Authority.

The Built Environment:

The village buildings were attractively painted and the unfussy and subdued colour scheme, mostly white, is particularly suitable to its location and character. The old creamery building and its repainting was a fine undertaking. The building itself is important in terms of the village and is a historic artefact worthy of retention as it maintains an important historical link with former days. The adjoining attractive residence and well maintained garden with its Monkey Tree centre piece was much admired. The Village Store, pump, Grotto and its hard landscaping create a charming centre to the village.

Landscaping:

Chestnut Park, close by the reconstructed bridge, looked well and the area was well maintained. The picnic tables and seating are a wonderful amenity in this location, together with the maturing trees. Previous mention of a roadside hedge, in lieu of the existing railing, has been made and an appropriate hedgerow would further enhance this most attractive area and provide delineation to the public road.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Muskry Park is a substantial wild life area located on the banks of the nearby stream which adds greatly

to its value as a wild life habitat. This habitat is augmented by the second park adjacent to the new bridge construction both connected by the stream corridor. Well done to the committee on the introduction of a bird feeding table.

Litter Control:

Congratulations to the committee on your annual cleanup and particularly on the involvement of the children. Your efforts are obviously effective as the village was litter free on the day of adjudication.

Waste Minimisation:

The location of the recycling bins close by the old creamery is a good central location and was neat and tidy on the day of adjudication. The location was enhanced by the softening effect of the intermediate trees. It is to be hoped that this programme will be developed in the coming years and that more initiatives in the Race Against Waste booklet will be adopted in the future

Tidiness:

Congratulations on removal of graffiti from the old creamery. The overall appearance of the village is one of tidiness and your weed control policy has been effective. A small building to the rear of the old creamery has a lot of character and would make a really attractive renovation.

Residential Areas:

Rossadrehid has some extremely well presented residences, "The Cedars" on the Tipperary approach road being particularly admired. The unique bridge entrance to Muskry Cottage and colourful flower display looked particularly well. A number of new residences were noted and it is to be hoped that these developments when completed will restore the traditional roadside fencing and vegetation.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Roads in Rossadrehid were well surfaced and lined and the cobble-lock footpaths were particularly nice. Street furniture was of a high standard and well presented. The stone wall at the cross roads is one of the highlights of the village and enhances its rural charm. The many hedgerows on the approach roads are extremely attractive and when new developments take place this feature should be restored. Bridges have become a feature of the village and the cleaning of the stone bridge on the Cahir Road was noted.

General Impression:

The charming village of Rossadrehid illustrates well the hard work of a community that cares for its environment.