

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosses Point** Ref: **1100**
County: **Sligo** Mark: **242**
Category: **A** Date(s): **05/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	35
The Built Environment	50	26
Landscaping	50	37
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	25
Litter Control	50	34
Waste Minimisation	20	12
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	24
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	242

Overall Development Approach:

Rosses Point Tidy Towns Committee is welcome to the 2009 competition. As you have said in your application, you have a large area to cover in your work, as the area stretches to cover several townlands! This makes your work difficult and therefore the work you have achieved is even more impressive. Have you drawn up a work programme for the next 3 or 5 years? This could be a quite simple document, concentrating on the different categories of the competition and setting goals for each of them. It is also important that you put a timeframe against achieving these objectives. A map of Rosses Point would have been useful on adjudication day. We were pleased to hear that you get a good level of help from the local community. You would appear to have a very positive approach to the competition.

The Built Environment:

The commercial premises of the village seemed to be well cared for on the day, although some of them appeared to be for sale. Of note was the extremely fresh Harry's Bar in yellow and red, and the Waterfront Bar. However, Hacketts was in need of some attention, as was Greenland Villas The Yeats Country Hotel was in good condition. The Tudor style golf club was well maintained. The Garda Station was quite fresh in yellow. The stone Church Of Ireland looked well with marvellous grounds. The National School was quite fresh, as was the Catholic Church, which sported some attractive planting to its car park opposite. The Post Office was reasonably fresh, although the coping stone to its piers were a little flaky.

Landscaping:

There is a large area of landscaping along the long seafront and its maintenance is a credit to you. There are some attractive sloped gravel beds filled with lavender amongst other species. The stone benches are also an attractive feature and the long expanses of grass were well maintained. The Waiting on the Shore sculpture was admired in its prominent location. The tennis courts to the front of the hotel looked a little neglected and

there is scope for developing this area along with the adjacent car park. Attractive planting was also admired at the bend in the upper road.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It would be worthwhile putting together a wildlife/habitat survey, as Rosses Point benefits from such a unique and magnificent seaside location. Contact local experts with a view to them drawing up such a survey and the local schoolchildren could also get involved. Once this is complete, you could look at setting up a wildlife management plan with a view to promoting and developing this aspect of the competition. Your seaside scenic walk is a marvellous asset to have. Your planned talks to local sea scouts and schools is an excellent idea, particularly as it plans to concentrate on the local area.

Litter Control:

The standard in this category was quite good on the day, given that Rosses Point is such a busy location with many visitors, particularly on a fine summer's day. Have you looked at putting together a strategy for this category? Do you have clean up days? Do you take part in the National Spring Clean? Do you liaise with local schools to enlist their help? A few papers were evident along roadsides, at the tennis courts and to the green areas but generally the standard was good on a busy summer's day. We noted your comments regarding litter bins, how is this progressing?

Waste Minimisation:

The recycling area on the seafront is in a prominent location and was quite neat on the day.

Tidiness:

The standard in this category was reasonably good on the day, with little evidence of neglect. A tin roofed shed on the coast road should be repainted before next year's competition. A few weeds were evident at kerbsides on the approach to the village.

Residential Areas:

The individual houses and housing estates of Rosses Point appeared well cared for on the day. One new estate, Oyster Bay, leading down from the upper road appeared to be incomplete. Many towns and villages are experiencing incomplete and unfinished estates, is this the case here? The individual houses on the upper road with their views to the golf course were well maintained and attractive. Ros Beolain was a well maintained estate on the day.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The main approach road was well cared for on the day. It is a magnificent approach to the village with the sea to one side and the marvellous views to mountains on the other. The stone stepped retaining walls were admired along this road. Tubs with floral displays in front of a stone wall created a good impression.

General Impression:

It was several years since this adjudicator had had the pleasure of visiting Rosses Point and we were pleased to see that it is being as well cared for as ever. Congratulations to all concerned.