

Tidy Towns Competition 2012

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rossadrehid** Ref: **602**
County: **Tipperary(South)** Mark: **288**
Category: **A** Date(s): **20/06/2012**

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2011 | Mark Awarded 2012 |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Overall Development Approach | 50 | 40 | 40 |
| The Built Environment | 50 | 38 | 39 |
| Landscaping | 50 | 43 | 43 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 50 | 29 | 29 |
| Litter Control | 50 | 40 | 41 |
| Tidiness | 30 | 18 | 19 |
| Waste Minimisation | 20 | 7 | 7 |
| Residential Areas | 40 | 27 | 27 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 50 | 34 | 35 |
| General Impression | 10 | 8 | 8 |
| TOTAL MARK | 400 | 284 | 288 |

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the National Tidy Towns Competition 2012. Your committee of six members and other volunteers are to be commended on your efforts particularly this year because of the wet spring and summer. You are obviously hard working and enthusiastic and you have many successful links with the local authority and other public bodies in the area, including FAS as well as support from the community. We thank you for your sketch map and your photos. Don't be disheartened after 31 years, you are gaining marks each year. Keep up the good work.

The Built Environment:

The stone bridge, the grass and trees all made for a pleasant entrance to the village. The timber bridge is deteriorating and will need attention. We noted that the timber bridges were painted black as suggested last year. The decking needs attention. The linear park (Chestnut Meadow Park) looked great. There was a good standard of maintenance, no litter and the fence was painted. A lovely floral display drew our attention the "Take Your Litter Home" sign. The picnic area here could be better used if parking could be made available. The Grotto was well painted and flowers and containers were placed there. We admired your work on the old house beside the Grotto, well done. We noted the unusual stone walls on the Cahir Road. The white washed walls to the side of the grotto should be included on a "To Do" list for next year.

Landscaping:

The flowers on the steel bridge are to a good standard. We suggest removing the Eucalyptus from under the ash as it will not grow in the shade and in any case this species is not native to Ireland. Well done on planting the native mountain ash on the Galbally Road. Ensure that weeds or grass do not compete with them for the first few years. We noted the use of herbaceous perennials such as Lupins in the flower beds. They make a

wonderful display and because they are perennial are less costly than annuals.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Appreciating your local wildlife resources is vital in order to achieve under this category and it is always good to have children aware of their environment. In this regard researching and raising awareness is more important than 'doing' at the early stages. Habitats of value include specimen trees, hedgerows, stream, woodlands and wetlands. The wildlife area in your community is a great local amenity. We hope that *Buddleia davidii* is attracting lots of butterflies.

Litter Control:

Congratulations to young and old who turned out for the clean-up evening. Rossadrehid does not appear to have a litter problem. At the riverside picnic areas there was some litter.

Tidiness:

On the approach from Bansha, the large silage pit dominates. This can be screened with tree planting inside the white wall. Similarly a line of trees or shrubs would help to screen the farm wall to the right. The black and white house is well painted at the front but the shed at the rear is unsightly. On the edge of the village the farmhouse complex with the green corrugated iron roofs are untidy and need painting. We note your efforts to have this problem overcome and wish you good luck in that regard. The crossroad sign needs painting and gravel stored on the side of the road should be removed. Well done on the weed control programme.

Waste Minimisation:

We note that you are liaising with a local school. The litter patrol is a fun way of drawing their attention to the problem of litter. Congratulation to the school on receiving the green flag.

Residential Areas:

In general, the residences in Rossadrehid look very well so congratulations to all involved. An Corrán estate was clean and tidy. The fine stone wall boundary was an impressive entrance.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The approach to Rossadrehid was very interesting especially when we reached the stone bridge on the Bansha Road where we admired the Cotoneaster growing well against the low wall. Some nettles here should be removed. The road directional finger post signs in the village centre need some attention. The word Bansha is hard to read and some other signs need cleaning. On the Mitchelstown Road the shop and houses are well presented.

General Impression:

Our first impression of Rossadrehid was one of tranquillity with green spaces and rustic bridges with a pleasant river. We were further delighted when we went over the bridge and found more green spaces along the river. Well done on your achievements and we hope that this report helps in your planning for next year.