

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ENNISCRONE**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13
Landscaping	40	17
The Built Environment	40	16
Litter Control	40	17
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	137

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Although you are receiving sponsorship, it would seem that there are not as many people involved in your efforts as there should be for a town of the size of Enniscrone. As you mention that there is a litter awareness project involving the local schools, perhaps you could create a junior committee to assist you in your efforts. You seem to have taken an active role in co-ordinating with many organisations, and this is highly commendable. The plans to put the wires underground will hopefully reach fruition soon. Your efforts to solve the problems of dereliction with the County Council are also a good approach. It is odd that you do not mention any co-ordination with the regional tourism office, especially as your town has a strong tradition of summer holiday-making. You should seek advice in regard to what visitor facilities could be improved or provided in future to enhance the potential of the town, especially in devising your plans for Castlefield and the seafront. We are pleased that you have found the new format for the competition useful to you, and look forward to your future plans!

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The major natural amenity of the town is the seafront, yet this was strangely not included in your map of the town! Perhaps this is a sign that you have not yet developed any aims for this area, yet we would urge you to consider how to present it to a high standard and to protect its character for years to come. One step in this direction would be to persuade the County Council to put up a barrier to the beach to prevent vehicular access. Many cars were seen to be driving down the beach, and this is damaging to the ecology of the seashore. Some of the shoreline could be stabilised with the planting of native grasses and shrubs, and this would also benefit wildlife. Another amenity of the town is the Bellawaddy River, which you should plan to improve by planting some trees along it. Although you have not included any plans in this years entry form under this category, we would encourage you to focus on this aspect of your town and try to develop it more fully in future.

LANDSCAPING

It would seem that this category offers great potential for improving the town, and there are many areas along roads and in open spaces that could be enhanced by planting. There is a great need for trees to be planted throughout the grounds of the caravan park as it is quite bare. Woodlawns Estate had good weed control, but there was a weedy verge along the old stone wall. You should plan to plant trees at the entrance road to this estate, at the first cul-de-sac, and in the open spaces. A hedge could also be planted along the barbed wire fencing here. You should consider providing planters outside the public toilets at the beach. Grass was not mown at some of the benches here, creating some difficulty in using the seats.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The standard of shopfronts in the town has been improving, and now the committee should focus on the details which need improving - particularly signage. Connaughtons signage is overwhelming - they should consider removing the many stickers in the window. Hanging baskets and planters here were very well-presented. Clarkes plastic signage is very large and could perhaps be replaced with a more appropriate style. The Jolly Swag Mans floral display is very well done. They should consider replacing the plastic signage with traditional ones to enhance their prospects in the competition. The Catholic Church, its grounds and boundary walls were all impressive and the planting here looked very well - good work! The bench in front of the Church needs to be re-painted, and the car park should be re-marked.

Walshs and Lecan and Halmecs is a very well-presented row and holds the corner well. The planting here was very impressive. If Walshs letters were replaced with a more traditional style, they would certainly be a strong contender for an award. The bent and rusting guard rail in the front car park should be replaced. The chemists looked well, as did the Castle Arms Hotel. The boundary wall of The Marine

needs some attention, and the chain-link fence to the left of the Marine could be planted to create a more attractive view. The County building was very well-presented. West Prints forecourt was very tidy, but the derelict house opposite is a problem area, as is the garage and gate opposite. The school will need to be re-painted for next year.

The Sancta Maria House and B. Hopkins were both maintained to a very high standard. Ceol Na Maras B&B needs freshening up. The Atlantic Hotel was looking rather drab, and we suggest it should be re-painted. The florals display here was admired. Harnetts and The Pilot looked very well, and the new paving outside was admired. The post office presents a very tidy appearance, but the paint at the base of the shopfront needs an even coat, that is, one shade of green. The Spar should avoid displaying their wares outside, as it creates an untidy appearance.

LITTER CONTROL

Overall, your efforts to increase awareness of litter control seem to be paying off, and the amount of litter was small for what is a beach resort town. Litter was noticeable on the Easkey approach road, especially on the side facing the coast. Litter control near the shops opposite the Catholic Church was good. A small bit of litter was collecting near the bench in front of the Catholic Church, so be wary of this. Litter bins were in evidence in front of Walshs which was a positive sign of attention to this area. The Cliff Road was litter-free on adjudication day. There was a bit of litter at the edge of the town on the new road, so perhaps bins should be provided at a lay-by. A small amount of litter was also noticed at Woodlawns Estate. The beach was generally clean, though rubbish has washed down from the Bellawaddy River.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of the town is of tidiness, and it is a pity that some areas are in such a poor state that they can bring down the appearance of a whole area of the town. However, we mention these areas in the hopes that you can eventually resolve the problems they create. A serious problem area is Tuffys Enniscrone Motors - which is very untidy and looks neglected. A good start would be to encourage the owner to paint the rusty roof and to plant around the premises. Another problem area is the back area of Igors which seriously detracts from its immediate surroundings. The view of the back yard behind Cullens from the Cliff Road is also very untidy.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally, the standard of presentation of the houses in Enniscrone is quite high, especially considering that there are a number of holiday homes. Most of the houses facing the sea on the Cliff Road were well-presented, with just a few needing freshening up. A few houses on Main Street need freshening up. The side wall of the house facing the Church behind the public telephones should be painted. The house facing the Cliff Road junction is also in need of re-painting. The row of white terraced housing at the junction of the Cliff Road needs re-painting. The house to the right of The Marine has a gable wall and a boundary wall in need of painting. Houses along the beach road looked well and a resident was seen painting on adjudication day, which is encouraging. Pebble Beach and the holiday village looked well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Easkey Road was virtually weed-free, but the grass verges had not been mown recently. The boundary wall on the right side before the fire station should be painted or cleaned. The planting here looked well, but a few more trees are needed on the left side of the road. The new wall near Castlefield and the fire station looked very well - well done! The boundary wall on the Easkey Road to the entrance for Castlefield needs freshening up, and there is potential here for extensive tree planting.

The tourist information sign at the junction with the Cliff Road is in poor condition, and it is important that it is presented to a very high standard. The Cliff Road was very tidy, and weed control was very good. The boundary wall past Cullens on this road (facing the sea) is in need of freshening up. The approach from the new road (coast road) was very tidy and weed-free, but it would be greatly enhanced with some

tree-planting. You should consult with the County Council about whether or not they have any plans for planting here.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

More planning is needed, particularly in relation to natural amenities. Try to develop a strategy for litter control in the Town, especially over the summer months. There were some fine examples of building presentation in the Town. These should provide an example to other owners to keep up their premises. There are a few problem areas in the Town which are bringing other areas down (see report). These areas should be tackled. You are making progress - keep up the good work.