

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FENOR**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	19
The Built Environment	40	18
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	146

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Fenor is very welcome back to the Competition. Although, a small community, it nevertheless has the advantage of clear-cut divides between the rural surrounding countryside and urban settlement. The new-look Tidy Towns Competition format invites the Committee to consider, over the next couple of months a suitable programme for implementation perhaps over 2 or 3 years. The FAS programme and Local Authority may assist in the devising of an appropriate programme of works to best project and enhance the village and its various attributes.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Trees on the roadway leading to the Sports Grounds are maturing very well and offer, together with the little stream, some options for wildlife habitats development.

LANDSCAPING

The Church grounds were very well presented as was the carparking area associated with it. Excellent random rubble walls, appropriate to this rural setting, are a feature of the roadway leading to the Sports Grounds. They were very well presented. The grass verges were appropriately cut back at the sides of the Tramore road and the hedge area was equally orderly without being excessively regimented. The significant stretch is that bounded by the Church at one end and Hennessy's Agent at the other. Efforts should, initially, be concentrated on this stretch in order to reinforce a sense of community experienced by the visitor.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School was well presented, the Church building and surrounding wall, with their white capping were an excellent focal point. Work in progress was noted behind the post and rail fence opposite the Church which, when it is completed, will be an important adjunct leading to a greater feel of a village. Work is still in progress on the public house, which, again when completed, will be an additional important resource for the small community. The wall beside the pub is most attractive but, even allowing for the present building operation, a lot of material appears to be stored in the foregrounds.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter management in general was good - minor amounts were noted on the approaches to the School building. Suitable litter bins are recommended for the Church carpark area.

TIDINESS

Amounts of spoil and weed were noted at the base of the front-facing wall at the School. The appropriately cut back hedges were very pleasant throughout. The presentation of the buildings at the Sports Grounds need urgent attention, particularly the timber structure needs painting and other attention while the concrete Sports Centre would similarly benefit from painting and a general tidy up. The fencing along the road here has become slack and untidy. Because of its pivotal location the concrete post and rail fence opposite the Church should be repaired as a matter of urgency.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing stock within the village is very limited. Those on the Dungarvan road were very well presented. The house near the Church carpark was equally most attractive. The house on the Tramore side of the new Pub was full of character, with good retaining wall albeit not yet fully completed. The commercial sign for Tom Hennessy's Agent required cleaning.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Dungarvan road village nameplate was suitable and grass appropriately cut back. Signage in respect of the "School Ahead" was similarly well presented. Some graffiti was noticed on the R675 sign which needs attention. The centre has a clear cut entrance at the Dungarvan side but is not similarly enpounded coming from Tramore. Appropriate hedge and verge cutting coupled with village nameplate is recommended.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Fenor is a small community which is currently receiving some additional buildings. When these buildings are completed and operational, they will add to the sense of community which should continue to be the prime objective of the Fenor Tidy Towns Committee.