

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BREE**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	21
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	157

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Delighted to welcome Bree into the Tidy Towns Competition for the first time. No doubt your Committee with the help of the Community will go from strength to strength. All Tidy Towns Committees are now being encouraged to produce a simple Work Programme or Plan which will guide your Tidy Towns activities. It is important that there is an evenness in your presentation. You have involved the Local Authority, FAS, and the ESB. Do involve the Regional Tourism Organisation and the NRB who can help and advise you. All agencies have valuable advice to give you.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife value of your Community. Do invite a local environmental expert to get involved and provide you with specialist information that you require. When you have identified the wildlife habitats in your area you will be delighted discovering the number and extent of such.

LANDSCAPING

The ICA Garden was a jewel. It had a delightful collection of shrubs and trees was excellently maintained. The open green spaces were clean and the grass was cut. There was some beautiful planting done in these areas. It had a splendid selection of trees, shrubs and roses. Throughout the village trees were planted. Trees are most important in the village landscape. Do keep all areas weed-free. All trees planted are maturing nicely. Some lovely planting again done under the tree and in open space below it. Your landscaping overall is every good so do keep up the work in this area. I would suggest planting under the fir tree in the Community Hall area. Do take care of the growth around trees.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The graveyard has some weeds at the entrance and outside the walls. Some spots of rust also on the gates. The Church was well maintained by the gates need painting. The grounds of the School were again neat and tidy. The Community Hall door would need attention. Some nice shrubs were noted above the wall. The Huntsman Rest was very well presented - had a lovely colour scheme and the lamp lights on the buildings were very tasteful. All business premises should get rid of any plastic signage. Do encourage more use of hanging baskets, window boxes and planters. The building across the road from the Church needs attention.

LITTER CONTROL

Some amounts of litter were to be found on the approach road to the Church. There was also some litter near the school grounds. Litter bins need to be cleaned. Litter is now a big issue and encourage all the community and school to help in the fight against it.

TIDINESS

The kerbs in most areas were weed-free. Encourage owner to paint and repair gates going into fields. Be vigilant with weeds at the base of buildings and walls throughout the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The open spaces were well maintained and the seating was all right. There was some lovely roses planted. All shrub beds were kept well. There were some lovely gardens - beautifully presented. Some walls would need painting. There is great potential for village houses and residential developments to present their properties and gardens to the highest standard.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Enniscorthy needed a cut as did other roads. The footpath by the Church would need to be renewed. The lane way down by the side of the Church needs resurfacing. Some sign posts need to be cleaned and others need repainting. The good condition of approach roads, streets and back areas of the village is essential for overall presentation.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

For your first year of entry you have done a lot of work and no doubt will go from strength to strength in the competition. Your village has great potential and with the support of the community will succeed.