

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BUNCLODY**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	21
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>172</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Now is the time to draw up a 3 to 5 year Plan for Bunclody with the major development works in the town centre almost complete. All Tidy Towns Committees are now expected to produce a fairly simple plan or work programme which will guide their activities over that period. It should clearly set out your objectives for each year covered. It is also important that there should be an evenness in the presentation of your entry. You do have a sizeable Committee but it is not satisfactory that just 12 members should be doing all the work. Do involve all housing developments, factories and business premises both in planning and carrying out your activities. Do liaise with the County Council, FAS, NRB and the Regional Tourism Organisation.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Bunclody would appear to have tremendous potential to develop wildlife. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting and increasing the wildlife value of the area. There are possibilities on the rivers Clody and Slaney. Do invite your local environmental experts to advise you with the specialist information you require.

### LANDSCAPING

The Church was well maintained and all the trees were maintained in a healthy condition. The Town Garden had a delightful selection of trees and shrubs but was not maintained very well has a lot of litter and plus weeds throughout. It must be brought back to pristine condition. When the Mall Stream area is completed one visualises it is going to look terrific. Some lovely landscaping done across from the School. Do give attention to any open green spaces which could be made a feature.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church of Ireland, when floodlit, will be a nice feature and backdrop to the town. The Church of the Holy Trinity grounds are very good - the wall when built will enhance the Church. The "Belery" (down the centre) would need to be cleaned. The Convent grounds looked stunning with roses and shrubs - it was overall well presented. The Cemetery was clean and tidy as was the Garda Station. Another public building well presented was the Library. The Vocational and Primary schools again were neat and tidy, with the Vocational School having a lovely selection of trees and shrubs. The business premises overall were quite good. It was difficult over the past few months to maintain any property in the town centre with the on-going road works. Any premises with plastic signs must be encouraged to replace them and no doubt they will in time. More flower displays could be used on properties.

### LITTER CONTROL

It is not good in the Town Garden - a lot of litter in that area. Litter was also evident on the steps down to the river bank. Apart from that it is only odd spots around the town and in small amounts. Litter is now a big issue countrywide and it must be fearlessly attacked. A litter-free Bunclody must be the aim.

### TIDINESS

Most kerbs were quite good and almost weed-free. The kerbs on the New Ross road needed attention. Also do take care of weeds at the base of buildings and walls.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Carrig Bawn residential development was a delight to see and it looked stunning. There was some outstanding and wonderful displays of shrubs, flowers, etc. on huge island beds. The Grotto again was lovely. The open spaces were again clean, neat and tidy. All properties were presented very well. An

outstanding example of community spirit and pride. Nice rose planting done opposite the entrance to St Mary's Villas. Other housing developments need to improve their presentation overall. Individual houses were well presented and some had lovely gardens.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the new footpaths and new road surfacing was most certainly of the highest standard. The bridge over the River Clody is well maintained but the steel railing will need cleaning. The Public Toilets do need refurbishing - they are not in good condition inside. The area around them has to be completed - it is very untidy and dusty at present. Some signs will need replacing and cleaning. Poles also need painting. Some of the approach roads need attention and a cutting programme needs to be put into operation.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your efforts despite the works being carried out over the past few months was great. Do keep it up. Will look forward to the 1997 competition with great enthusiasm.