

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **CASTLEBRIDGE**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	16
Tidiness	20	8
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>148</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

All Tidy Towns Committees are now being encouraged to provide a 3 to 5 year Plan or Work Programme to guide your Committee's activities through each year. Your objectives should be achievable and also it should be of an overall evenness. It is good that you work in co-operation with FAS and the Wexford County Council. Do liaise with other agencies such as the Regional Tourism Organisation, NRB, local organisations, etc. It is not satisfactory that just a few people should be doing all the work.

### **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 in your local environmental expert who will advise and provide you with the specialist information required. You will be delighted at discovering how many wildlife habitats you will have.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The great open space on the Enniscorthy road had some very nice planting done and the seat was in good condition. The grass and the area behind it did need a cut. Nice shrubs and trees were planted by the Parish Hall grounds. The landscaping of the new housing development was of a high standard. Opposite Bloom & Veg - keep the open space there cut.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Wexford Block Company had lovely planting done at the entrance gates. The company next to it needs to tidy up a good deal. The School grounds were maintained beautifully but the walls would need attention for 1997 (after development opposite has been completed). The Garda Station will need attention sooner rather than later. The Cemetery was well maintained. The new School was beautifully kept and in particular the idea of having the oil tank disguised by painting a mural on boards was an excellent one. The Church again was clean, neat and tidy. The Health Centre was maintained in good condition. The business premises are mostly well presented with the Porter House being an outstanding example this year. It also had a stunning collection of flowers on the building. More flowers are needed on all buildings. Community Centre car park has a lot of weed and grass growth. The Mill looks very well and Keatings continues to improve.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter is now a big issue countrywide and must be tackled ruthlessly. There was litter in Castlebridge. A lot was evident at the junction of the Enniscorthy/Gorey road in an open space which is due to be developed, and on the road down from the housing estate on either side. The presence of so much litter has prevented your village from achieving better results.

### **TIDINESS**

The control of weeds at the kerbs was quiet good. It does need attention at the base of walls. It should be undertaken by individual property owners on a co-ordinated basis organised by local committees.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The new housing estate development was completed to a high standard. It is a nice stone wall and as plant bay under a tree. Oak tree heights was well maintained. The open spaces were tidy, grass cut and no litter - well done. Individual houses continue to be well maintained. The entrance to Beech Grove was cut but had some weeds. Some top soil left in parking bay.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach road from Gorey was well maintained on the left but untidy and needed a cut on the right. Many signs and signpoles need cleaning and painting. Also around the signs grass and weeds need to be cut. The village does need a car parking area. You do need to have a cutting programme in operation for all approach roads.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The presentation of the village is reasonably good but attention is needed in the following areas:- litter; open spaces; some buildings; residential areas and approach roads.