

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **COURTOWN HARBOUR**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13
Landscaping	40	21
The Built Environment	40	22
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	159

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

All Tidy Towns Committees are now being encouraged to produce a Work Programme or a Plan for 3 to 5 years which will guide the Tidy Towns activities over that period. You will be expected to submit this from 1997 onwards. It was great to see that you have a good working relationship with the County Council and the Failte Festival Committee. Do liaise with the other agencies such as FAS, NRB and the Regional Tourism Organisation. All these agencies have valuable advice to give you. In your Plan for future years you will have to work around the sewage and water works.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As a Tidy Towns Committee, you have an important role to play in developing, protecting and increasing wildlife in your Community. Do invite your local environmental expert to advise and provide you with the specialist information required. What about the bridge water area - behind the toilet block. You will be delighted at discovering the number and extent of these habitats.

LANDSCAPING

All open green spaces were generally well maintained. Were clean and in good condition. Do cut grass growing over stone wall. Some delightful planting in front of the toilet block - a lovely idea. There was a nice shrub island at the entrance to the car park. Past the Taravie towards the Harbour - some nice planting has again been done. The open space opposite the Pitch & Putt course needs attention. Some delightful planting on the approach road from Gorey. All trees sown are maturing nicely. The trees in the car park needs grass cut around them.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The fencing on the RNLI needs to be repaired and painted. The steps need weed removed. Other areas and harbour were neat and tidy. The Church was beautifully presented. Dunbarr's had a stunning flower display. The Pirates Cove was excellently presented. The Garda Station was again well presented. All hotels and guesthouses looked very well. The Taravie had a stunning display of flowers and the building - well done. The Tara Hall was in lovely condition as was the Fun Fair which has the woodbine plant growing on the wire fencing - a great idea to disguise the wire. When work is completed on the Ballroom building development it should indeed help the appearance of the area.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter in the open space at the Harbour and outside the Fun Fair. Litter control in the centre was excellent in most parts. Litter is a big issue and it must be pursued with vigour. Overall it is good considering the number of visitors in Courtown each day.

TIDINESS

Most kerbs were weed-free. Do pay attention to weed control at the base of walls and buildings throughout the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Your idea of getting a co-ordinated colour scheme for the private houses and businesses is an excellent one. Beechmount Crescent was well presented and maintained - there were some lovely gardens on view - open green space needed cutting and property across the road is falling into disrepair. The Woodlands development was not maintained very well - the open space badly kept - grass cutting left there, weeds at kerbs and footpaths. Individual houses well maintained in most cases.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads were tidy and neat and the Gorey road was exceptionally well presented. The trees planted are now maturing nicely. The ditch across the road from Pirates Cove needs to be trimmed up and also the grass cut around the signs. Some signs and poles need cleaning and painting. The car park - all the ditches to be cut and the trees to have grass cut from the base. The toilet block was well maintained on the outside but inside needs serious attention - not in good condition for use.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Committee deserve great credit for keeping the beach so clean despite the crowds of people using it each day. With more help from the Public and business people of Courttown - it can only go from strength to strength.