

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ENNISCORTHY**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	27
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	176

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

All Tidy Towns Committees are now being encouraged to produce a very simple Work Programme or Plan which will guide your Tidy Towns activities. It should cover a period of 3 to 5 years and should set out the objectives for each year covered. All Committees will be expected to submit a Plan from 1997 onwards. It is important to have an evenness in the Work Programme. It is marvellous to see the number involved in the Tidy Towns Committee. Do also involve, as you have indicated in your application form, all housing estates, factories, businesses and schools in carrying out your activities for the Competition. It was also good to note that you liaised with all the agencies. They all have valuable advice to give you. We look forward to seeing your various planned projects develop over the coming years.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments regarding the plans you have next year are most welcome. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting and increasing wildlife in the Community. Do invite a local environmental expert to get involved to advise you and provide the Committee with specialist information you will require. The Enniscorthy area has great potential for developing this aspect of the Competition with the river, trees, etc.

LANDSCAPING

The Market Square is very nicely presented with a lovely selection of shrubs. The landscaping of Abbey Square was absolutely magnificent with some wonderful colour being produced. At the riverside - down the steps there is a lovely collection of shrubs and trees. The seating is a lovely idea in this area but watch the litter here. The boat with the plants looked stunning. The Park at the Mill Park Road was a lovely and pleasant area. The beds with delightful plants looked really good. Trees are maturing nicely here. Seats by and large were in good condition, pay attention to untidy grass/weeds under seat legs. The railing was maintained very well but do watch out for untidy grass here. What about sowing wildflower seed down the bank from the Park towards the railway line. They are easy to grow and would look great in an area like this. Do continue to landscape every available open space. Well done to everybody. The streetscape plan is an excellent one.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The AIB Bank had an outstanding display of flowers, shrub and trees on its properties. The cart had a wonderful selection of flowers in it. Other financial houses should be encouraged to do likewise. The Credit Union building again looked great and has put in a great effort. St Aidan's Cathedral and grounds were maintained excellently. St Mary's Church again was well presented. The Cemetery was tidy and clean - just watch weeds outside the walls. The Railway Station was just a sheer delight and a surprise. It has some beautiful roses, plants and shrubs - beautifully presented. Just give the white seats a paint. The Garda Station again well presented with a nice selection of shrubs which was noteworthy. The Fire Station again well presented. Keep up the great work in this area. Business properties continue to improve and plastic signage is beginning to disappear. However, quite a bit remains throughout the town still - do encourage the proprietors to replace them. No doubt sooner rather than later they will. Do not forget the top part of the buildings. Quite a few need painting. The Castle grounds were good and your efforts were noted.

LITTER CONTROL

The control of litter is quite good throughout the town. Some pieces on steps down to the river and both sides of the bridge. The car park up at the Fair Green had litter here and there throughout. Litter is now a big issue through the country. It is great to see all strands of the Community involved - it is a battle to be won and no doubt you will succeed with all of the Community working towards a litter-free

Enniscorthy.

TIDINESS

The town centre is quite tidy. Kerbs on approach roads and streets away from the centre did have some weeds. Watch out for weeds at the base of walls throughout. Your recycling facilities in Dunnes Stores car park is to be commended.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The green area of the housing estate at the top of hill up from the Cathedral - was reasonably tidy. The houses across from the School were presented well and had some lovely planting at the corner. Private houses off Summerhill - the kerbs needed attention. The Hampfield estate was again well presented and a nice combination of plants and flowers were used. Slaney View Park was untidy and had amounts of litter visible. A terrific job was done to Killagoley Terrace - some lovely planting done on the island and the whole area had a tidy, clean appearance. The surface needs renewal and the kerbs attention. Congratulations to all concerned - well done - a great example of tremendous community spirit. The new-looking housing development up from Killagoley was quiet good but with some pieces of litter around.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roundabout on the Dublin road was quite stunning. The colour used was red and it does make an impact and catches the eye. You might trim the grass inside the steel barriers. Try sowing some wild flowers which will tumble over the barriers. The Car Park at the L&N was clean and tidy. The New Ross road was tidy and cut as was the Wexford road. Most signs were cleaned, neat and tidy. Do keep a watchful eye on signs. The Curraclloe road was overgrown in patches. Your efforts in cleaning and clearing the bank of the River were just excellent. The area now has a nice covering of wild plant vegetation - well done. Again the job on the Esmonde Road wall was just tremendous - superb commitment and spirit.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The effort of the Tidy Towns Committee to involve all sectors of the Community is commendable. You have put in tremendous effort all round. The innovative idea of engaging a professional colour consultant is an excellent one. You have taken on the new-look Competition with great enthusiasm.