

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FOULKSMILLS**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17
Landscaping	40	27
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	173

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

All Tidy Towns Committees are now being encouraged to produce a Work Programme which will guide your activities. A simple plan to cover a 3 to 5 year period and to set out your objectives over that Region. You will be expected to produce the Plan from 1997 onwards. It is important that there will be evenness in your Plan to give all aspects even attention. Do liaise with your Local Authority Engineer, Regional Tourism Organisation, NRB, etc. They will all be more than willing to help in whatever way they can.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have tremendous possibilities to develop the wildlife aspect of the competition. The River area is a sheer delight and could be a wildlife wonderland. There must be a wide variety of species of birds, animals and fish in this River area. There is a wide choice of trees, wild plants and shrubs. Do seek the advice of your local environmental expert(s) and invite them to get involved with you. Also look at left side of the bridge coming from Wexford - could also be developed for wildlife.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping of the park and the river was stunning looking. Congratulations. Throughout the village some lovely flowers and plants were to be seen. Tree planting throughout the village was good. The plant treatment on the telephone booth was lovely. On the left side of the bridge coming from Wexford - delightful planting done there. Your maintenance of trees and plants is excellent. Grass cuttings were disposed of under the trees and looking untidy.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Improvements have been made to commercial buildings in the village. More work needs to be done. Shelbourne Co-Op continues to be well maintained. The Post Office and J Whites look very nice and are well maintained. The Mill is again well maintained. Owners of other buildings appear to be working on them and hopefully we will see further improvement in 1997.

LITTER CONTROL

There were some bits of litter at the entrance gates to the Park but apart from that it was very good. Litter is a big issue at the minute and will continue to do so until it is curbed.

TIDINESS

It was a pity that weed control at the kerbs in the Park, on the tarmac and at entrance gates to the Park was not attended. Do give this attention for the future.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual properties looked very attractive as do all residences. Do pay attention to weeds at kerbs and walls outside the residences. Do use more window boxes, planters and hanging baskets.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Signs in some areas need attention - to be cleaned, painted and perhaps some needed to be replaced. The approach roads are well maintained in most cases. The bridge is presented beautifully. Do take care with grass cutting around the signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The flower planting and care taken with them has to be very much acknowledged. It was a great effort and has given a stunning look to the Park and River area.