

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GOREY**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>157</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It is rather a shame that the Tidy Towns Committee disbanded some years ago and that all that work and effort had to be passed to the Town Commissioners. It is not satisfactory that it should be left to a few people to do all the work - it might be worth a try to bring the business premises, factories, housing estates together and form a new Tidy Towns Committee. All Tidy Towns Committees are now being encouraged to produce a simple Work Programme or Plan which will guide their activities. It should be for a 3 to 5 year period and clearly set out the objectives for each year covered. Do continue to liaise with all agencies, ESB, Telecom, NRB, FAS and the Regional Tourism Organisation.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Tidy Towns Committees have an important role to play in protecting and increasing the wildlife value of the Community. Do invite a local environmental expert to advise you and provide you with the specialist information that you require. This should be included in your long-term plans and development work.

### LANDSCAPING

In the Triangle - some lovely planting was done with a splendid selection of flowers used. There was also a delightful shrub bed and that looked lovely. The open space on the Courtown road was beautifully maintained with grass neatly cut and tidy. The picnic tables and seats were in very good condition. The Avenue does look very well with mature trees which appear to have been trimmed back some time ago. On the Main Street the hanging flower baskets from poles looked stunning. Also many premises had their own flower displays - well done. Open space at the Health Centre needs reseeding. It was good to see the planting of trees on Main Street.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Monument at the Enniscorthy/Carlow junction was well presented and had some plants around it. Other public buildings: - the Hospital was neat and clean, the Health Centre had some long grass coming through the wire fencing but had a lovely shrub display; the Garda Station had a lovely window display of flowers. The Fire Station had a delightful display of shrubs but weeds needed attention. The Church and grounds were in pristine condition - the Post Office again had an excellent window display of flowers and planters on the grounds. The Railway Station looked well with good shrub and plant displays. The Grotto had some beautiful planting done but the railing needs painting. It is a large town to present well and buildings which are in a poor state decoratively will have to be tackled as will any derelict building throughout the town. Any plastic signage hopefully will be replaced sooner than later. Some outstanding efforts by individual business premises - others please do help and start to decorate and make Gorey a leading contender in the years ahead for the Tidy Towns Award.

### LITTER CONTROL

There are great efforts being made to control litter and keep the town tidy by the Commissioners. The Community and visitors must take responsibility for their own litter. There are odd bits on the Main Street but overall it was good - also at the Health Centre. There was some litter at the Railway Station. Litter is now a big issue countrywide. The Town Commissioners are now doing splendid work in controlling litter throughout the town which is extremely busy during the week.

### TIDINESS

Kerbs on some streets need attention - some weeds. Some signs need cleaning and painting. Some weeds also in the Railway Station area.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual gardens were well presented throughout. Some older town houses have dull finishes but perhaps painting their doors in an eye-catching colour would lift their appearance. More use of flowers would certainly do wonders. When the new housing development opposite the Health Centre is completed, it should enhance the area if properly finished and landscaped. Allen Wood Drive had some lovely maturing shrubs and trees and it looked well. The open spaces were kept neatly. There were some lovely individual displays of flowers, etc. Overall all housing developments are quite good. Do keep up the great work - well done.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The laying of new paths and kerbs was noted and it does improve the appearance very much. The Dublin approach road was presented well with some lovely trees and shrubs on both sides. The approach road from Enniscorthy needed a cut. The Wexford road has weeds at the kerbs but the shrubs and trees were excellent. Some signs need to be cleaned and touched up with paint. The car park by the Garda Station was presented very well but one would suggest a few litter bins for this area because there was quite a few pieces of litter around. Some lovely shrubs and tree planting done there which softens the appearance of the whole area. Do give more attention to other approach roads and the larger commercial signs on such roads.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are doing wonderful work. It is rather a shame that there is no Tidy Towns Committee to support your efforts. Gorey has great potential to improve its presentation overall in this new-look Tidy Towns Competition.