

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILRANE-ROSSLARE HARBOUR**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	4
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>154</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

All Tidy Towns Committees are now being encouraged to produce a Plan or Work Programme for 3 to 5 years which will guide their activities and should set out clearly the objectives for each year. It is important to try and get the whole community involved. It is not satisfactory or fair that a few people should be doing all the work. It is important to develop a relationship with the Local Authority, FAS, ESB, Telecom, the Regional Tourism Organisation, NRB, etc. Do try and involve the school, housing estates and business premises in your planning and carrying it out in your activities for the Competition. Your village has huge potential and of course is one of the most important entry points into this Country.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting and enhancing wildlife in the community. This should be included in your 3 - 5 year plan and development work. Do invite in a Local Authority environmental expert to get involved and provide you with the specialist information you will require. You will be delighted to discover the number and extent of the wildlife habitats in your area.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The main road looks well and was well presented. There was some lovely planting done on the "Welcome to Wexford" sign. The shrubs and trees around this area are maturing nicely and were well chosen. A lovely open space at the junction turning down from St Helen's Bay was stunning looking. The boat of flowers was lovely and is appropriate for the area. There are open spaces on the main road which need attention and must be tackled.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Garda Station continues to be well maintained. The Church was presented well and was clean and neat looking. The School was again tidy and on the day of adjudication was being touched up. The Bank of Ireland is extremely well presented - some lovely planting at the base of trees. The bus shelter on the main road was clean and litter-free. All the hotels and guesthouses continue to look well and are keeping up standards. The same would apply to pubs, most shops and petrol filling stations.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control was not too bad however there was quite a few pieces in Kilrane Village - open area across from Super Valu, beside the telephone booths, a bin or two overflowing. The village centre was not litter free. Litter is a big issue. It needs a huge voluntary effort by the community, business, school students in order to have a litter-free zone.

### **TIDINESS**

The village (off the N25) could be tidier. Weed control at the kerbs in both the street lawns and in residential areas are not receiving attention - a lot of weeds there. Grass in open spaces is not receiving attention and there does not appear to be a frequent cutting programme in operation. Again it is a job which must be undertaken by individual property owners.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The housing estate has great potential. There are some lovely stone walls and very nice shrub and tree planting. There is a lot of work to be done to keep open spaces clean and tidy. Also the kerbs must be kept weed-free. The houses in Ascal Ruain were nicely presented and the open spaces were neat and clean. Most bed/breakfast properties were maintained to a high standard.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The main N25 was well maintained. The back areas were not. Signs had weeds and grass growing up the poles. Some roads and lawns need attention. Also some footpaths need replacement - the footpath outside the Youth Hostel had a lot of weeds growing through it. Some signs need cleaning and painting. Presentation of side streets and back areas is now an important element in the adjudication process.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The effort appears to be at a standstill - do not loose heart. It is important that the effort is renewed with vigour and press on with the jobs of keeping your village clean and tidy for the community.