

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **OULART**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	14
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>153</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Wonderful work is being done by the Tidy Towns Committee. You're small in number but that does not deter you. You will be expected to submit a Work Programme or Plan for the next 3 to 5 years from 1997 onwards. It should set out your objectives very clearly for each year. You already work with the local authority and FAS. Do also liaise with the National Rehabilitation Board and the Regional Tourism Organisation. All these agencies can help and advise you. It is not satisfactory that just a few people in your community should be doing all the work.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Tidy Towns Committees have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing wildlife in the community. Do include wildlife in your plans and development work. Do seek the help of your local environmental expert to advise and provide you with the specialist information you require. The area where the seat is at the bridge could be developed for wildlife and you may be aware that there is some already there.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Some lovely planting has taken place at the Graveyard corner. Other nice landscaping has been done at the back of the Church - the trees when mature will look great in this area. Do clear away all grass from around them - the grass was cut and looked neat. The Grotto was well presented. Again some delightful planting outside the School was noted. The old pump stand could well be made a feature of in the village. There was also some lovely planting at the wall near the Centra Store.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Cemetery had two planters which had a lovely selection of flowers and plants. There were some weeds at the walls. The Church grounds were presented beautifully. The GAA Park had weed and long grass growing through the gates. The School wall needs painting but the shrubs inside are lovely. The Old School windows need painting and broken panes of glass to be replaced. The Garda Station now needs to get a face-lift. The Filling Station was very well presented as was Londis and the Information Centre. The 1798 Monument had some nice planting around it. Other business premises will have to come on board and present their properties to a good standard.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was quite a bit of litter in the housing estate behind the Church. There was also litter opposite McAuley's Inn. Litter is now a big issue countrywide and it is most important to have a litter-free environment. It will involve the help of all the community to help you on this one.

### **TIDINESS**

Remove weeds from all kerbs and also outside the Old School wall and in particular at the base of the Monument and at the kerbs at the Grotto.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Individual houses were quite well presented. At the housing estate where more building was taking place, the open spaces were overgrown. When this development is completed it will be an ideal opportunity to tidy up, landscape, etc. Farm buildings on Oulart Hill road - walls need painting and nettles, weeds, etc. to be removed from the gate area.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The area outside the School wall area needs a tarmac surface on it and also kerbing. The bridge needed the burnt weeds removed. The seat will need painting. The road/street from the Church on the left hand side needs surfacing. The pathways in the housing estate were not in good condition and had large amounts of weeds. Approach roads were quite good and signs were kept well.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Tidy Towns Committee should receive help from all sectors of the community. It was great to see that you intend making access for the disabled to get into the Church. Do talk to the NRB Office in Wexford.