

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SALTMILLS**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	20
The Built Environment	40	16
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16
General Impression	10	4
TOTAL MARK	300	137

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome back to the Competition after four years and we wish your development every success in all your work. It will help you enormously to produce a 3 to 5 year work programme or plan. It should set out your objectives for each year covered. You will be expected to submit a plan from 1997 onwards. Evenness of attention throughout the whole village. Your village has great potential and no doubt with the hard working committee will succeed in making your village a delightful place. Talk to your Local Authority Engineer, ESB and Regional Tourism Organisation.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is great potential for developing this aspect of the competition. Do invite your local environmental expert to get involved and advise you with the specialist information you require. Nature conservation should be included in your long-term plans and development work. Along the shoreline on the right has potential for wildlife development.

LANDSCAPING

Some lovely planting was done on the sign island. The tree planting going towards the bridge looks well and when more mature will enhance the village. Also the open space before the bridge looks well and the seat adds to the overall effect. When completed it will further enhance this area. The Pound will need further work to be done and all open spaces will have to be landscaped. There was some nice planting of flowers down one side. If this could be done on both sides with generous planting it could look stunning. Some others have beds which need weeding.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The local Pound will need to be re-seeded. It could be a wonderful area and a lovely amenity for the village. There are some lovely shrubs, trees and an old rose tree. Some pathways should be put in, expose stone walls and perhaps a seat or two. The gate was painted but do not stop at that. The telephone booth was maintained satisfactory. You do have what appears to be a scrap business at the entrance to the village - perhaps it could be screened-off or some of the larger items removed out of sight. Have a word with the owner.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good on the day of adjudication with very few pieces to be found throughout the village.

TIDINESS

The kerbs do need to be weed-free. Also the base of walls and buildings need the same treatment in some areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some properties have lovely colourful gardens and were well maintained. One must get the co-operation of all residents to make improvements and make the whole village looking well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads need more work done. Ditches and grass verges need to be cut. The Bridge area was quiet good and the verges acceptable. Expose the stone down to the base. Remove any weed from stone work. Some signs need to be cleaned and the grass cut around them.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of this committee will produce very good results in the year ahead. You have a good number to work and plan in the year ahead.