

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **WELLINGTONBRIDGE**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	175

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

A lot of very good work has been done and Wellington Bridge is looking the better for it. You will be expected to submit a Plan from 1997 onwards. The Plan or Work Programme should be a simple one to cover a period from 3 to 5 years. It should set out clearly your objectives for each year covered and have an overall evenness about it. Do liaise with your Local Authority Engineer, Regional Tourism Organisation, NRB, etc. and continue your involvement with FAS.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The village has great potential for the development of this aspect of the Competition. The river bank would be one such place. However, do invite a local environmental expert to get involved with your Committee who will advise you with the specialist information you will require. In the village you could have many wildlife habitats - the river, hedgerows, etc.

LANDSCAPING

Great work has been done throughout the village. The Old Alley is just a delightful area - a lovely selection of shrubs which blend with the wild plant life - honeysuckle, ferns and trees. Some lovely planting done under the trees across the road from the Tourist Office. The whole area fronting on to the river was a delight - some colourful planting, weed-free and tidy. It is important that all shrubs and trees are cared for throughout the village - do keep up this aspect of the work. Again, some tree planting was done on the Carrick-on-Bannow road and some lovely displays of planting. The signposts on some approach roads have plants sown around them which is a lovely introduction to the village. The open green spaces were cut and tidy.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings in the village were for the most well maintained. Wallace's looked well, was painted and had hanging baskets which softened the appearance of the building. The Tourist Office was well presented. The Pub again looked well and had hanging baskets. The Jet Petrol Station had some excellent tree and shrub planting in front of it - they are maturing very well and help to soften and disguise the commercial look of the pumps and forecourt, etc. The Bridge Restaurant and Animal Health Centre were presented well. I would suggest more tree and shrub planting in this area. The Post Office was presented to a very high standard. The railway crossing and area entrance to the trading company need attention.

LITTER CONTROL

Some small bits were evident outside the shop and near the kerb side across the road. Litter is a constant battle and one has to pick up continuously. The green bin needs a face-lift. Apart from that it is very good. Encourage the business owners to check for litter outside their premises.

TIDINESS

Overall the tidiness element is good. The control of weeds at kerbs is good throughout with just odd spots visible. Responsibility for this needs to be taken by individual business and property owners.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing estate on the Carrick-on-Bannow road is kept in very good condition, with some lovely trees and shrubs. Houses are well maintained. Some attention to weeds in shrub/flower beds. Encourage students to do this job.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Bannow approach road is being maintained to a high standard. The Foulksmills road does need attention in and around the 30 mile limit. The other approach roads were tidy enough. Most signs need to be cleaned, some painted and do not forget the poles. Some lovely planting done under some signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The Tidy Towns Committee have done some great work over the past two years and again this year it is being maintained and improved upon. Do involve more people on your Committee and spread the work load.