

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **GREYSTONES**  
County : **WICKLOW**  
Category : **F**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	23
The Built Environment	40	27
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>178</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your detailed questionnaire and map which was helpful during the course of adjudication. A more detailed map with names of residential areas would be helpful for next years adjudication - try to include this in your work programme. The adjudicators look forward to the submission of your detailed five year work programme next year. The adjudicators look forward to seeing projects develop over the coming years in Greystones. It is potentially a very attractive town. There is evidence of effort being carried out but the adjudicators feel that for the size of the town more of an effort could be made - your five year work programme must address the problem of more support from residents and the business community.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for greater nature conservation in the town, a good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats in your catchment areas and see what species of animals, fish, plants etc. these attract. Why not get involved with your local environmental experts and groups who could advise you and provide you with the specialist information you require. In this regard, the coast has a major role to play in this, as does more tree planting. Tree planting was noted in many places, including on the road new Blacklion. The trees on Church road itself are a very nice feature.

### LANDSCAPING

The adjudicator is aware of the proposed plans for a marina in Greystones - allowances have been made for the harbour area again this year. The bollards outside the cemetery on the approach road from Bray are a bit unsightly. The triangle at Blacklion was well maintained with neatly cut grass, well done. Good presentation was noted at the green by the junction of Trafalgar Road with hanging baskets noted on the pole, and the anchor was freshly painted. However, for an area where visitors tend to congregate, surely more innovative efforts could be made here. Try to include this in your five year plan. Flowering, particularly, during the summer months, would brighten up this area immensely. A new stone wall was noted at Killincarrig cross roads, the adjudicator could not establish the reason for this, perhaps a raised planting bed is being put in here as well? The roses at this cross roads were attractive but unfortunately, the grass surrounding these roses had only a rough cutting and took from the overall appearance. The Rugby Club area was well presented, although the green near here on the other side of the road needs more attention - a bit unsightly. There is evidence of maintenance of grassed areas overall, but more attention is needed, for example, near Blacklion Pet Hospital and at the green opposite the Catholic Church. These areas need more attention. By the toilets, the adjudicator was quite disappointed with the presentation here as there is little evidence of maintenance apart from a rough cutting of grass. Within the park, it is also a nice amenity - some broken seats were noted.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Overall, a very good presentation in this category. Quinnsnorth have a nice sign. New shopfronts were noted opposite Bells of Greystones, which is also an improvement. On the Main Street, generally, there is a high standard of presentation - nice flowers were noted at Roches Pharmacy. The ESSO Station was very well presented, as was the Church of Ireland - congratulations. The Shell Station was also well presented. It is nice to see that the Ormonde Cinema has been painted up, which helps to take from the negative appearance. Coopers/Beach House and W. H. Dann had a very good presentation this year and there are many other fine examples including, Poppies; Fentons Fires; Bells; Sam McCauley's, which is new; Bethnels; Helen Florists and Greystones Golf Club, as was Charlesland - try to perhaps screen off the gravelled area on this approach with tree planting, shrubbery or hedging. There is still room for improvement in a number of cases, for example, the retail complex of Video World, Greystones Travel etc. - this would improve the approach road immensely.

## LITTER CONTROL

Overall, a very good performance under this section as Greystones was litter free, in particular, the Main Street. The South Shore car park area could have been tidier as gravel heaps were left here, and the path to this car park was also litter free. Your development of a Litter Patrol with the school children is commendable, well done. The only area where litter was noted was outside Belview Heights. The improvements to the Sailing Club were also noted.

## TIDINESS

A very good positive impression was left with the adjudicators of Greystones under this category. The new wall which was being built by the entrance to Charlesland was noted and will be nice once complete. Grassed areas were generally well maintained within the town. Further out, as mentioned above, the grass only had a rough cutting and doesn't create a good appearance. Sea front road was well presented, with seats painted - try to paint the railings and walls to the right of W. H. Dann & Son as this took from the overall appearance. Overall, a very good performance under this section but the North Shore car park continues to be an eyesore.

## RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There was a very good presentation under this category as usual. Nice roses were noted at the cottage opposite the La Touche Hotel. At Grattan Park, the area was well maintained, as was La Touche Place. Woodlands should be very nice once completed - the high standard to date is commendable. Burnaby Woods was also very well presented. Within the Burnaby Park development area, this really is a magnificent area but it is sad to see that the footpaths are badly neglected with a lot of dead vegetation - this is something that the Residents Association should tackle. Seaview Park was litter free. Redford Park was very well maintained, particularly at its entrance and at Rathdown Park some re-seeding is needed - try to pay attention to the area where grass is worn away. Overall, a very good performance under this category.

## ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approaching Greystones from Bray, the left hand side is relatively neat and tidy - try to replace the broken trees. At the Greystones sign, a better presentation could be made with landscaping. On the road from Blacklion to the fire station, watch the weeds on the foot paths, proper footpaths and re-surfacing would help here greatly in improving the appearance. From the bridge to the Shell Station needs landscaping in parts. Weeds were noted along the footpath by the location of the Garda Station. Along Church Road, the tree lined road is very attractive, neat and tidy with new cobble locking noted and flower baskets up towards the retail areas. Try to perhaps work on the under-grounding of wire scape in your plan.

## GENERAL IMPRESSION

Greystones is a very attractive seaside town. Obviously the harbour area is an area of ongoing concern as the harbour protection walls take from the overall appearance of the town. The adjudicator does recognise, however, that there are considerable proposals for the development of this area. Apart from that taking place, you should try to ensure that you have innovative ideas and workable projects for the other areas of the town included in your work programme. Try to carry out more tree planting and increase the use of flowers throughout the town. There are a lot of residents and commercial businesses in the town and more should be encouraged to play their part. Good luck for 1997.