

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **PASSAGE WEST**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 20                | 20                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 15                | 15                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 17                | 16                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 11                | 11                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 14                | 14                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 7                 | 7                 |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 12                | 11                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 15                | 15                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 5                 | 4                 |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>116</b>        | <b>113</b>        |

## **Passage West/Monkstown, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The communities here have now reached the stage in the competition where some measure of co-ordination is required in relation to future Tidy Towns activities. Some progress is being made in a number of areas and a planned approach at this stage is required. It is suggested therefore that the community would draw up a three to five year plan in which priority works would be outlined and worked on over that period of time. By adopting such an approach the community would see the benefits of a planned approach to the competition which in turn would draw more general supports for the competition locally.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Whilst many buildings are well presented there are quite a number which would need an uplift. The Town Hall and Library premises looked well. The school buildings and churches looked well. Some business premises, licensed and otherwise were well presented. The premises of Passage West and Monkstown Credit Union were very well presented.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The park area at the Glen Monkstown is now very attractive. The landscaping which has been carried out across from the Monkstown Bay Sailing Club premises looks very well. Also the upgrading of the area at the Lord Quay in Monkstown looks very well as does the improvements at the Railway Quay in Passage West. The Sirius monument in Passage West is now an attractive feature but the area round should be maintained to a better standard. Obviously weed killer had been used in the immediate area recently and the area generally could be better maintained. The green area around the Fr. OFlynn monument was nicely maintained. There was some very effective use of colourful hanging baskets throughout.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

As acknowledged in your Entry Form the area has a long established maritime tradition and from a wildlife point of view this raises the question of sea-birds and perhaps this aspect of wildlife could be highlighted. With advice from appropriate sources it would be possible to list such species of wildlife etc. Also if suitable walks could be created through woodland in the vicinity this could help serve to highlight that aspect of wildlife which would use such areas as habitat.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There is a litter problem in the communities and this should feature prominently in your plans for the future. There was, for example, a considerable amount of litter in the vicinity of Bus Shelters. Where the development in the Glen area has been carried out there was also some litter. In general, it would seem that additional litter bins are required in both centres.

## **TIDINESS**

It must be stated that the standard of tidiness generally was unsatisfactory. The name place sign for Passage West on the Rochestown approach is in need of repainting. The area around St. Marys Cemetery was very tidy and excellently maintained; the adjoining car park was also very tidy. The Quay was generally untidy. Many streets and kerbs were untidy with grass and weed growth clearly in evidence. Rusted traffic sign poles should be attended to. Many open spaces off streets etc. need to be tidied up.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Residential areas throughout both centres were generally very well cared for. In Passage West areas such as Rockenham, Maple Rise and Pembroke Wood were very nicely presented; green areas were quite well maintained. Houses at De Vesci Place were well presented. In Monkstown the residential area of Carlisle Place looked well.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach road from Rochestown was well maintained. However the large green area alongside the soccer club premises would need to be better maintained. The approach road to St. Marys Cemetery was also in need of being tidied up. The area of Railway St. and the back area here was very much in need of attention. The streets and kerbs between Passage West and Monkstown are also very much in need of attention.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Both Centres are uniquely located and have a very great potential for further improvement. The maritime tradition is clear and should be taken cognisance of in the future Tidy Towns plan for the area which it hoped will be drawn up in the year ahead. Your communities have begun the work and a planned approach now can be implemented on that foundation.