

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **PASSAGE EAST**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	23
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	32	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	24
Litter Control	40	32	29
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	219	213

Passage East, Co. Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for a well filled in application form, and map which unfortunately was too faded to be of much use. The new format Tidy Town Competition invites Committees to assess their centre from a number of standpoints and to develop a programme of work which they would aspire to implement, on a phased basis, over the next number of years. It should be the goal of the Committee to send such a phased plan with their application form next year. Passage East is a very interesting historical town. (Strongbow landed at Passage in August 1170 and Henry 11 of England in October 1171).

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Passage East is a delightful village and port, with an interesting series of related small squares. There are many fine houses and all have been most successfully integrated together with delightful co-ordinated colour schemes that add great interest and vibrancy. These are accentuated by the use of planters and hanging baskets. The Public Toilets and the picnic area beside, are well presented. The Church, high up on the dramatic cliff area is quite imposing. The removal of overhead wires should be a goal.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping within Passage East is very suitable with many containers, pots and wall hangings contributing very much to the vibrancy of the village. More ground planted planting needs to be considered. It is suggested that a local environmental expert be consulted regarding the planting of shrubs that would attract butterflies. Butterflies should be very attracted to this pollution free atmosphere. Consideration should also be given to the attraction of ladybirds.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

With its extensive open areas and waterside setting, Passage East is well placed to take advantage of the emphasis on wildlife and natural amenities, for example as mentioned above, consideration should be given to planting wildlife attracting trees and shrubs

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was very well controlled with attractive litter containers being used.

TIDINESS

Apart from those areas where works were in progress there was little untidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas are most pleasant and attractive and they make

one aware of the very strong community spirit that moves this town.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entry from Woodstone is extremely well presented and maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Passage East is a delightful, atmospheric, colourful and well presented town. The Committee and all involved are to be congratulated on the very high standard that has been reached in the built environment in particular, but as mentioned earlier a planned structured approach to future development is required.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (13/8/97)

Passage East was presented to its usual high standard during second adjudication. Good luck with your plans to restore the Norman fortress, this will make a significant contribution to the uniqueness and the historical heritage of Passage East. On our second visit the new stone flowerbeds had not yet been landscaped, however the one flowerbed had been beautifully planted and was visually pleasing. The landscaping of the other two flowerbeds is very much looked forward to. Your reference to the herd of wild goats is interesting, perhaps you might indicate where these are located as there were no visual clues during second adjudication. The committee might consider undertaking a wildlife survey and highlighting other wildlife features of the village and its hinterland. Most buildings are well presented, however a number of boundary walls, gable walls and one or two facades were in need of attention. Construction work was in progress during second adjudication. It is advised that all building materials are removed upon completion. One or two green areas remain to be landscaped.