

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TRAMORE**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	31	29
Landscaping	40	27	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	29	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	210	207

Tramore, Co. Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and map which unfortunately did not include any of the peripheral areas, the Back Strand, the Amusement Centre etc. nor the locations of the new Residents Associations. It is hoped that for next year a more comprehensive map will be produced, indicating those areas where proposals are intended. Name plates should be put on all the streets, at both ends, as a matter of order and urgency.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Tramore is a very pleasant town with a nice mix of seaside resort and permanent residential houses. Apart from refurbishment of some houses and premises and some new housing areas, there has been little change in the permanent commercial areas of Tramore for many years. But the areas at the beach, at the Amusement Centre, have seen much development and in recent years this has been for the good. The Amusement Centre is very well handled, with attractive paving, litter bins and planters, very nice lamp standards and banners which give a most festive air. All is very tidy. It is a pity that car parking has been allowed on this very fine open space. It is difficult to understand as a large car park seems to have been developed behind it. Main Street is a fine street and looks very well and is very tidy. The buildings are all well painted and colourful. Many places, particularly the entry from Waterford have a proliferation of B&B signs. Something should be done to make them a little more uniform, as well as having them unique to themselves. The removal of ESB poles and overhead wires should be treated as a priority. The Caravan Park adjoining the Back Strand is not quite built environment but will be mentioned here. Much screening and tree and hedge planting is needed between it and the road.

LANDSCAPING

There is much opportunity for more landscaping to be undertaken. The Promenade could be very much enhanced by the use of planters with colourful plants, suitable shrubs and occasional trees either in large containers or planted in the ground. The provision of seating would also enhance the image of this whole area. Some of these seats could be specifically designed to incorporate some form of screening, the lack of which is very obvious. These screen/seats could be donated by various commercial interests.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

We look forward to getting more information on the nature trail that is planned for the back strand. Possibly the development of the Back Strand could be made a priority project over the next few years as it has the basis of a unique series of wildlife habitats. The area is visually dominant from the entry road into the town and could be most attractive when completed.

LITTER CONTROL

On the whole litter control is being handled well. There was a lot of litter at the beginning of the road into the roundabout at the entry from Waterford.

TIDINESS

On the whole, Tramore gives an air of tidiness. Therefore it was rather a shock to come on the Race course whose external image is extremely shabby. The gates should all be painted and the concrete block wall should be properly finished and painted.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas are all very well presented, well cared for mostly and with very fine gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The entry point from Waterford has no town name plate visible, one is just directed to the Strand and Town Centre. The Dungarvan entry into the town, at the v-junction, is very confusing. There are 14 signs, including two to Dungarvan. There should be some rationalisation of these signs. Road signs and B&B signs should not be compromising each other. Road markings could also be improved at this point. Name plates should be put on all the street at both ends as a matter of order and urgency. Parking should be restricted on many roads particularly Torquay Road. Indication should be given to where parking areas are available.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Tramore is a seaside town. The development at the beach area ensures a very festive and holiday air. The general impression is one of care and tidiness as well as a feeling of welcome.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (13/8/97)

The entrance to the town from the Waterford Road was rather disappointing. The large 'Failte' sign could be upgraded and its surrounds made more attractive. This particular site looked rather sad and neglected which is in contrast with the care and attention that is given in the presentation of the rest of the town. Litter control was quite good throughout the town with the exception of some of the undeveloped sites in Strand Street. Unfortunately these were still littered at 10am in the morning although the open space along Strand Street had obviously been cleaned from the previous night. A number of buildings need to be upgraded and these include 'Le Palais' apartments, 'Hogan's Newsagents', the newsagents opposite 'Net Vision', the upper storey of 'O'Greachain'. The 'Powers' pub has some fine traditional features and could be a contender for the traditional shopfront award if its weatherstained sections were to be cleaned or painted. The beach was spotlessly clean.