

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ENNISCORTHY**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **E**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	29
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	29	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	12
Litter Control	40	28	23
Tidiness	20	14	11
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	24
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>176</b>

## **Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The report submitted was very informative as to the current status of projects and the photographs greatly benefitted in the assessment of past and current projects. There is need for a written statement on phased works and how they will be established over the next five years. Overall the information provided demonstrates that the Committee has an extensive influence in the development of the town.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The improvements made to Enniscorthy over the past couple of years have definitely made the town a very pleasant spot to visit. Improved amenities are a benefit to both towns-people and visitors. The re-development of shop fronts and pedestrian areas demonstrates the very good policies in place. There is clearly great interest in creating a very strong cohesive urban image for the town. Of note is the recent traffic improvements and developments around the river.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Entry to Enniscorthy from all roads is defined by a very strong well presented landscape setting. This is reinforced by the very well presented roundabouts in the town which contain floral displays of a very high standard. The efforts by the Committee to take a very broad approach to the creation of riverside walks, small pocket parks and general high maintenance to existing amenity areas associated with residential developments are to be lauded.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The commitment to ensuring access to the various natural areas along the river demonstrate a committed approach to a soft and non-intrusive amenity project. The new entrance area to the riverside walk near the Shell Station is a very pleasant and simply stated entry advertising yet another open space available to the public.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

This was difficult to assess given the impact of the crowds during the festival as it will be expected that litter could be a prominent feature. However the Committee must be complimented in the very quick clean-up measures after each evening and on days leading up to the festival the town was very clean. The personal contact and litter awareness programme must be achieving the desired goals as there were very few areas with litter.

### **TIDINESS**

The town presents a very controlled plan of action to tidiness and must be congratulated on keeping the many street surfaces free of gravel, given the high traffic loading on many of the lead-in roads. The main street with the recent shop front renewals and other

urban improvements greatly improve the overall urban character of Enniscorthy.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Many fine planting areas have been established adjacent to the residential areas and all are well tended. There are pleasant combinations of flowers and trees in many of these areas and the grass was well maintained. There is a great feeling of community participation in the presentation of all the residential areas.

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

All entry roads to Enniscorthy are well tended and very clean which creates a very good introduction to the town before arriving at the urban spaces. The arrival at the bridges and roundabout reinforce the extra efforts which Enniscorthy takes along a National Primary Route and the roundabout on the Dublin Road is a superb example of a simple planting statement. The main street has demonstrated effective control on traffic so that the pedestrian is in a much safer environment. The area around the GAA grounds requires some attention and though highlighted in the report, has not yet been done. Given the scale of the town and high use of traffic with the many entry roads, it would seem that the Committee has a very strong control over the presentation of all roads and must be complimented for the high standard of finish.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

From distant views Enniscorthy stands as a very strong urban settlement with many interesting silhouettes. Upon entering the town the same level of interest and visual diversity is maintained and it can be understood that the town is working towards a very strong visual statement. The growth of colour on many of the commercial street facades and extended development of public amenities with river walks and small parks all demonstrate the benefits achieved through the Committee. It is in the area of a Development Plan with a five year statement that a clearer assessment for individual years can be more easily assessed. The general impression is one of significant improvements. On a last note it has been observed over many visits that vandalism occurs to many of the young trees that have been planted and this may be as a result of the method of staking the trees and this should be examined so that the efforts are not easily lost.