

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **KILMORE QUAY**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	28
The Built Environment	40	23	20
Landscaping	40	26	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	13	10
Residential Areas	30	20	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	17
General Impression	10	6	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>164</b>

## **Kilmore Quay, Co. Wexford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The report presented was very easy to read and well laid out which allows a simple document to be easily updated. The report should place greater emphasis on the presentation of physical design rather than a check list of actions so as to ensure greater understanding of the future outcome of the proposed projects. It is very evident from the developments around the town that there will be great pressures placed on traffic control and maintaining views to the sea. The report should examine and make recommendations on how the significant assets of the town will be maintained, while recognising the increased pressure to develop sites around the town. This may have to be developed with the Local Authorities.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There is a most wonderful and diverse range of building types using the latent traditional building systems associated with the region. Note must be made of the number of thatched cottages which employed English thatching styles rather than the traditional Irish thatch. Care must be taken not to lose the very simple thatch pattern associated with the Wexford cottage. There are very important elements associated with the main street which can be easily lost if certain open spaces are developed. To-date the village has demonstrated a very high standard of preserving the existing amenity and the Development Plan should address how this will be maintained in future years. Of particular concern is how car parking will not detract from both the urban and landscape setting already established. The Committee must be complimented on the extensive efforts made on ensuring that a cohesive urban pattern has been nurtured.

### **LANDSCAPING**

There is a very simple cohesive attitude to the landscaping of the various spaces around the town. The simple theme of hanging plants and consistent use of potted plants is appropriate amongst the private developments. The restricted use of flower beds placed throughout the town must be complimented as they are only used in important strategic locations which reinforce significant junctions. The planting of the flowers along the main road beside the Church provides a very strong splash of colour and demonstrates a strong management plan as these must be watered all the time and they look very healthy. There are some very pleasant traditional uses of plants along the road such as the grass sod growing on top of the stone walls in front of the thatched houses. The Development Plan should examine the selection of specific plant types which should be used around the town such as fuchsia or sod fencing plants to reinforce the natural theme as traditional setting associated with the town.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This town benefits from its location in relation to the Saltee

Islands. Constant reference is made throughout the town and interiors of the buildings with photographs of the many birds and advertisement of trips to the islands. Some creative approach may be needed to ensure its continued involvement with the preservation of the wild life on the Saltees and the surrounding farm lands and this should be addressed in the development approach.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter management control was very good and almost no litter was seen anywhere. This is particularly surprising as there are no litter bins located in the town. However there is a need for such facilities given the extensive number of visitors visiting both the quay and using the main street. The placement of the re-cycling bins is in a very appropriate location, though slightly too visible and this area could do with a litter bin given that many re-cycling areas often have loose bags associated with the dumping of re-cycled material.

### **TIDINESS**

The town matches its control in tidiness to the same extent in which it handles the management of litter. All areas were very well tended and a great consistency was established throughout all developments. The painting of the walls with one simple colour of white along the main street ensures this consistent approach which reinforces a very strong simple rural village character and aids in setting the cottages in a correct atmosphere.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

All very well tended with a very strong theme running through the presentation of plants and garden features. The housing areas to the side of the main street have many pleasant gardens and adjacent open lands are well maintained. There is a very pleasant connection established between the surrounding countryside and treatment of many of the gardens so that an element of continuity exists between all areas of the town.

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

An exemplary presentation of a simple tarmaced place. Of most concern would be the lands adjacent to the harbour which will be developed in the near future. The entry sequence into the town has very well tended hedgerows and roadside verges, also extends to the associated surrounding villages which reinforces the element of care associated with this region.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

An extraordinary good effort has been made to ensure a high standard of presentation for a simple village environment. The cohesive approach taken to simple arrangements of flowers and consistent use of traditional details makes for a very strong image of the village.