

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	30	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	28	29
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	214	210

Tramore, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and map which was most useful on the day of adjudication. It is good to see that you work with the Town Commissioners, Waterford County Council and FAS. Perhaps you might also liaise with the Regional Tourism Authority, Telecom Eireann, the National Rehabilitation Board and the ESB, who will only be too glad to give whatever help and assistance they can to your Committee with the work. For a large area you do have a smallish Committee. The adjudicator would suggest that you bring all other clubs and organisations in the Community on board with you to help spread the workload. Practical assistance is being given by the residents associations in caring for their own districts and giving general help with the litter prevention. When all the building is completed in Tramore perhaps you can then sit down and draw up a short plan to cover the next 3 to 5 years. Set out clearly your objectives for each year and it will help your Committee enormously. Remember to keep it simple and look on it as a guide for your Committee and as something which can be built on over the coming years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have indicated in the form that there is considerable building being done in the Tramore area and this was observed on the day of adjudication. The existing built environment throughout Tramore is quite good. The churches and schools are well maintained. Again the Garda Station looks very well but the roadway outside it does need resurfacing. The Library does need brightening up perhaps a change of paint colour would do the necessary here. The Banks are well maintained and presented well. The business properties and the hotels are in the main well presented but they are some which do need refurbishing. The entrance to Tramore House does look very well and when completed should be an asset to the area. The Race Course has got a facelift and looked clean and tidy. The Credit Union building needs repainting. The ESB depot has weeds growing in front of the mesh wire and perhaps some kind of screening ie the planting of trees would improve this site considerably. The area going towards the beach where the amusements park and the amusement arcades are sited looks very well and is being maintained to a good standard. However, some of the amusement arcades do need refurbishing at this stage. The shrub areas at Splashworld were not maintained very well although the building itself was fine - they needed weeding and to control the growth of grass through the shrubs.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping on the roundabout looks extremely attractive and is well maintained. Both the open spaces near the GAA pitch and across the road from it are very well done and the trees there are

maturing nicely. The open green spaces at Cluain Mhor and Crobally housing estates are well attended to and some lovely tree and shrub planting are to be seen here. Also some older trees were preserved here and blend in well with the new planting. On the Waterford road before the roundabout the picnic area here was clean and tidy and the tree planting done across the road is again well done and is maturing nicely. A nice job of landscaping has been done to the houses opposite the entrance to the golf club. The entrance to the Golf Club has some very nice stone with the nameplate on it and the planting here is good. The rockery at the top of Galwey's Hill was maintained in excellent condition and has a nice blend of shrubs and plants.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife value of your Community. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your area and see what species of animals, birds and fish these attract. The Back Strand does look to be an ideal area for developing a wildlife project over the next few years. Do invite your local environmental expert to get involved to advise you and provide you with the advice which you require. A properly managed natural area of wildlife will add greatly to Tramore. Additional guidance is available from the Conservation Volunteers of Ireland.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is reasonably good throughout. There are no huge mounds of it sited in any one place, except at the Splashworld area. There was some on the open green space on the road down to the Prom beyond the GAA pitch. There was also some small pieces on the Prom itself and on the beach and in the car park. In the housing estates they were odd bits and pieces throughout with the exception of Marian Terrace which was litter-free on the day. Your plan for the control of litter is working reasonably well. Do seek the co-operation of other organisations in helping you with this task and that would include schools, scouts, cubs, etc. However the control of litter at Splashworld, Laserworld and the Plaza area was not very good. There did not appear to be any litter bins in that area and this could be why there was so much litter in this area.

TIDINESS

Overall Tramore looks tidy. There are a few untidy spots to be worked on and that would include an area between the two shops on the lower end of the Prom and this needs attention. The seating at Realt na Mara is in poor condition and needs to be replaced. When the on-going building works have been completed, it should improve the overall tidiness of Tramore.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential areas by and large are well presented and cared for. The wooden railings in the Elm Park housing estate do need attention throughout. Some housing estates had grass cuttings left on the open green space. In Sweetbriar the open green space was cut and tidy but the shrub beds in the four corners needed attention. There was some weeds and high grass growing through them. The new housing estates at Crobally, Cluain Mhor and on the Coast Road were all well presented and a very nice job had been done to them. Work was almost completed on them. The entrance to Marian Terrace was excellent. The grass was cut and tidy, the shrubs, flowers and roses were maintained very well and were weed-free. The trees were maintained in an excellent condition throughout and all grass around the trees was trimmed. Well done to all concerned ! Again the residents of Peter Street are doing a good job in maintaining their area.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads were very good and were kept neat and tidy. The car parks on the whole were quite good - the car park at the beach end needed tidying up around the ditches. The car park in front of the Majestic Hotel certainly does need attention, the grass was not cut here and the shrubs were untidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall presentation of the town is good and no doubt should improve when all the building work is completed. With more businesses improving their shop fronts it will help in the overall appearance of Tramore. It has great scope to do well in this competition in the years ahead. Your efforts as a Tidy Towns Committee have helped to enhance the overall presentation of the town down the years. Do keep up the good work.