

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **VILLIERSTOWN**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	34	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	22	22
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	211	206

Villierstown, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form and map which was most helpful to the adjudicator. It is good to see that your Committee works closely with Waterford County Council, FAS, and Telecom Eireann. The adjudicator would also suggest that you liaise with the ESB and your local Tourism Officer, both of whom will have valuable advice to give you. You have a strong Committee and are lucky to have 17 in number to spread the workload. It is a most attractive village and your hard work continues to enhance it. Well Done !

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The presentation of buildings and streetscapes continue to be well maintained. The John Treacy monument area remains in good condition. The telephone booth looks very attractive and is maintained well. Perhaps encouragement could be given to the owner of the disused petrol pump to have it removed or restored.

LANDSCAPING

The open spaces in the village continue to be maintained very well. The trees and the planted areas continue to be very well maintained. The landscaping at the junction to the Quay area again looks very well. At the junction of the 4 crossroads, the railing painted in white looked well as did the nice selection of flowers and plants featured in the beds. The open space at the Quay area needed to be tidied up with the grass needing to be cut. In the picnic area the weeds needed to be removed from under the table. There is some delightful planting done throughout and your choice of shrubs, plants and flowers appears to be good. Do not forget when planting that while variety is important, do choose plants for year round effect. The open space at the entrance gates on the right, coming from Cappoquin to the village, is untidy and does need attention.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The area of marshland close to the Quay would appear to be a natural wildlife habitat. Perhaps at this stage it would be an idea to identify the wildlife habitats of this area and see what species of fish, animals and birds that these attract. You will indeed be delighted at discovering the number and extent of these habitats. If you need help in identifying the local habitats why not invite a local expert to get involved to advise you. The area of marshland may need to be cleaned up so that the wildlife habitat could prosper there. Additional guidance is available from the Conservation Volunteers of Ireland.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control overall was very good except for one or two small pieces. The bin at the Quay perhaps would need to be replaced and I would suggest that 2 bins at least be provided there. It is good to see that you involve children with on-going litter control.

TIDINESS

Overall you have little or no problem with fly-posting or graffiti. The control of weed growth at the kerbs and at the base of buildings is good. The Quay area does need to be tidied up and perhaps your Committee might put some work into this over the next 12 months. It would help to make this amenity most attractive.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses on the road to the School are very well maintained with some lovely colour schemes being used. Do encourage all residents of the village to continue to keep their properties well presented. An odd property here and there does need to be freshened up and gates needed to be painted. The residents take great pride in maintaining lovely gardens. This is to be commended and well done to all.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads, streets and back areas of the village continue to be well presented. Some gates and boundary walls need to be painted. The signage is good and this adjudicator would suggest that if any new signage, especially in your proposed development of the woodland walk, is being considered that you use bilingual signage.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression is one of peace and contentment. A lot of work is put in by the Committee to keep it well maintained. It is hoped that you will have a solution to the derelict site in the coming year. Do keep up the good efforts and in the coming year, no doubt you will be giving more attention to detail throughout the village.