

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ARDMORE**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 30-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	38
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	24	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	23
Litter Control	40	37	37
Tidiness	20	17	15
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	9	9
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>233</b>

## **Ardmore, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The comments made in your entry form and the copy of your 3 year plan and map were most useful on adjudication day. Thank you indeed for them. The continuing support by Waterford County Council, FAS, the Department of Social Welfare, An Taisce and the community in general is very commendable indeed and has again, this year, been reflected in the way that Ardmore has been presented.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Ardmore does not have many major buildings but the Round Tower, the two Churches, School, Fire Station and the two Hotels looked very well again this year. Congratulations to all concerned. Certainly for next year the Tourist Office will need a new coat of paint and the "Tourist Office" sign needs immediate replacement. Unfortunately the appearance of the Amusement Arcade has not improved since last year and while the Main Street was presented very colourfully, one or two premises are still not in keeping with the appearance of the rest of the street. The new name-stones were noted and look extremely well. All street furniture looked well. Perhaps in some areas one or two of the seats need a coat of paint. It was interesting to note that the restructuring of the Fountain at the end of the Main Street is on your list of projects for the year 2000. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing the results of this initiative next year.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Your efforts and achievements under this heading are to be applauded. Ardmore was once again a blaze of colour on adjudication day. Your trees and shrubs looked extremely well in all parts of the town as did indeed your window boxes, tubs of flowers and the profusion of wild flowers to be seen on your side roads. The latter in particular creates a wonderful atmosphere for walkers. The flower bed at the National Tidy Towns Award plaque looked exceptionally well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Regrettably the "stream area" was not marked on the map and therefore the adjudicator was unable to see sight of it. However your comments on your plan under this heading were noted. The thinking is that a Committee should designate an area either close to or within the adjudication area for the development and preservation of wildlife. In this respect notes in the Tidy Towns Handbook will be

useful. You might also consult with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. In the event of such a designation taking place or your present project coming to fruition, please indicate this with your entry form next year and identify the location so that the adjudicator can have sight of it.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Ardmore was practically litter-free on adjudication day. Unfortunately there was some evidence of minor littering in the vicinity of the School and its adjoining housing estate. This could have been very easily avoided if the situation was being constantly monitored.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner and reflects the interest which local residents have in their environment. The open storage of timber is still a problem but appears to be somewhat better than last year. Your Recycling Centre was noted and is to be commended. The car parks in the village, particularly in the area of the Church and the beach were exceptionally tidy. Well done to all concerned.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Private houses are being very well maintained. Some had wonderful gardens in full bloom on adjudication day. Housing estates are also being well kept although in some cases gardens could have looked somewhat better. In a small village like Ardmore the support of local residents is all important if progress is to continue to be made in the Competition. If you have not already done so you should invite representatives of the housing estates and indeed, individual residents to be on your Committee.

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

Approach roads were again very well presented this year and the landscaping in particular creates a wonderful atmosphere on the approach to Ardmore. Some timber fencing, particularly on the Dungarvan road needs to be looked at but generally speaking the whole presentation was excellent. Road and street surfaces are being well maintained as indeed are footpaths. Back areas appear to have been improved this year also.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Overall Ardmore continues to maintain a very high standard in the Competition. Your 3 year plan is excellent. Your overall approach is very good and what is required now is attention to detail. This is where your 3 year plan comes into play. Try to do as much as you can on a yearly basis

within your physical and financial resources using the best advice available to you locally in terms of your Local Authority, FAS and An Taisce. One of the few problems seen would be with the caravan park - if some screening was to be used, it would be an enormous advantage to the magnificent view from the village. The adjudicator looks forward to returning to Ardmore again next year. In the meantime keep up the good work.

### **SECOND ADJUDICATION (09/08/99)**

Ardmore is very well presented with its array of colourfully painted premises, its well organised and spacious carparking and an overall tidy and cared for appearance. The very picturesque area, towards the cliff hotel and the historic tower and surrounds, create a lovely character for Ardmore. Individual gardens do much to enhance Ardmore and credit is due to their owners. When compared with many seaside towns, Ardmore has a high quality touch.