

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **PASSAGE EAST**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	31
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>223</b>

## **Passage East, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your entry form and map which was helpful and useful on adjudication day. You have lost a few members from your Committee since last year, however this did not prevent you from doing some good work. As indicated in last year's report, Tidy Towns Committees are now required to produce a plan which will guide their activities for the next 3 to 5 years. The plan does not have to be elaborate. It should be a simple one setting out the objectives over the period of the plan. It is advisable not to adopt unrealistic goals. A small number of targets each year is far more likely to yield results. You continue to work closely with the County Council and FAS. Perhaps, you might also consult with the Regional Tourism Authority, the ESB and the Rehabilitation Board who may have some advice to give you. The Tidy Towns Handbook which was sent out to your Committee this year has some very useful information contained in it.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Community Centre was well maintained and had a nice colour scheme used on it. The Enterprise Co-Op Discover East Waterford building does need painting. The pubs and shops continue to be maintained very well. The open space beside the Geneva Pub still needs attention to it, and the suggestion for it to be screened off is a good one. Again, it is important that the built environment reflects the heritage of the area. You might also encourage bilingualism in the signage of shops, pubs, community halls, schools, etc where appropriate. The public toilets still need better and continuous maintenance. The Grotto and area around it was well maintained. Perhaps you might also take into consideration when drawing up your plan to see how you can make Passage East more accessible to persons with mobility difficulties. Do talk to the National Rehabilitation Board who have some useful advice to give you on this aspect.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping of the village continues to be maintained very well. The tree, shrub and plant selection is very appropriate for the village. The shrubs and roses looked really splendid in front of the stone wall from the toilet block to the Community Centre. They were well maintained and the grass in this area was neat and tidy. The hanging baskets had some delightful colours in them and they enhanced the new posts on which they were hanging. The open green space to the left of the Ferry entrance had the

grass cut. The area in front of the building with the red door does need to be tidied up, as does the grass around the boats and lobster pots around the green area. Perhaps they could be removed from the green. There was some lovely planting near the wall from the ferry entrance. The plants, shrubs and the flowers in Parade Street looked stunning. The picnic area looked good and well cared for.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

I saw from your entry form where you had a herd of wild goats and it was amazing to see them high up on the steep cliff. Perhaps you might have a wildlife expert in the locality who would be able to identify their breed and origin. Perhaps then, this information could be displayed near that area. You have a natural environment in Passage East. Again, talk to a local environmental expert or the Irish Wildlife Conservancy who would only be too glad to give you help and advice. The area at the beach which has potential should be worked on. Properly managed wildlife areas will enhance the village greatly and ensure that it will continue to have a place in your community.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Some litter was evident on the day of adjudication. The pieces were located in the picnic area on the green area to the left of the Ferry entrance and in the grounds of the Community Centre. The litter mainly consisted of cigarette boxes. Apart from those areas litter control in the remainder of the village was very good. As suggested last year it would be a good idea to involve the schools and young people in Tidy Towns; their energy and interest should be extremely useful to your Committee.

## **TIDINESS**

Most areas are presented in a tidy fashion. A few spots which need attention are the open space at the cul de sac road and the green area to the left of the Ferry entrance. One has to commend the suitable stand for the Recycle Centre. It should contribute greatly to your efforts under this category. The control of weed growth at both the base of buildings and kerbs was very good throughout.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The presentation of residential houses throughout the village is of a very good standard. The owners of these properties make a tremendous effort in presenting their homes, which looked most attractive. As mentioned in the second adjudication last year, all houses walls should be maintained throughout to an equal high standard. The backs of the houses at the green do need painting as do some boundary walls.

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

The resurfacing of the streets and the new footpaths, do improve the appearance of the streets. Perhaps, now might be the right time to erect nameplates for the streets. Perhaps, you might also consider having them bilingual. The posts for the hanging baskets are to be admired. Some signs do need cleaning and painting. The approach roads were tidy.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The resurfacing of the roads and streets is most welcome and does enhance the presentation of the village. Your Committee continues to do great work and I was glad to read that you feel that the Competition gives you all a boost to do work. As indicated last year, it is important to prepare your 3 to 5 year programme which will help you to achieve in the future your wish "that one day we will win". Keep up the excellent work!

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

At second adjudication Passage East was looking very smart with a very neat and tidy appearance to this unique village. The surfacing of the roads is superb. The hedge around the area behind the recycling bins, while it serves the purpose of screening well, tends to get scorched by sea salt and is extremely vigorous – maybe its time to consider an alternative – Olearia, Escallonia or Fuchsia would be nice alternatives. The walkway all along from the toilets and behind the community centre is very pleasant. A little more density of planting for the bedding scheme at the grotto would be appreciated. No miracle is likely for the dead tree by the ferryport nor the tree in a container at the harbour . The introduction of more stone facing over the years has helped. The colourful container plantings are attractive – some need greater plant density.