

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	32	32
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	26	28
Tidiness	20	15	16
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	30
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	212	214

Tramore, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning your entry form and it was good to see that you choose to enter this year despite the difficulties which you are experiencing. As mentioned last year, you have a smallish Committee which only numbers fifteen persons for a large area. The adjudicator suggests that you get the business, cultural and sporting clubs in the community to come onboard with you to help spread the workload. It is good to see that you work in co-operation with the Town Commissioners and Waterford County Council. I note that when all the building work is completed that you will get to work on your five year plan. As stated in last year's report it will help you enormously to set out clearly your objectives for each year. It is a very useful plan of action and will help you with your programme of work.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

One can see as indicated in your form that there is considerable building development taking place throughout Tramore. However hopefully this work will be completed by the end of this year or early next year. The commercial buildings throughout the town, and that includes the hotels, restaurants, pubs and completed holiday homes schemes, looked good. The Amusement Park does need attention throughout - the green areas needing reseeding and the landscaping needs to be improved considerably. The entrance sign to Splashworld does need attention and the weeds removed from around the sign. Near the actual building itself, the grass needs more regular cutting and the shrubs there need better maintenance. The Laserworld building is not maintained very well and the condition of the shrubs around it has an unkempt appearance. The Churches and the public buildings are maintained very well and that includes the Garda Station and the Banks. It was wonderful to see work done to the ESB Depot which had a delightful selection of trees and shrubs planted as a result of a suggestion in last year's report. Well done to all concerned.

LANDSCAPING

The grass on the open green spaces throughout needed cutting. Trees in those areas on the approach road from Waterford and coming up to the roundabout are maturing very nicely. The open green spaces at the entrance to Splashworld and the housing estate to the left was poorly maintained. The steps with "Keep Tramore Tidy" signs needed weeding and the sprayed grass needed to be

cleaned off the sides. The maintenance of the shrub beds in front of Laserworld and to the side was poorly maintained. The shrubbery around the Splashworld car park does need much better maintenance and the grass slope up from the car park needs to be neatly cut. The open green spaces at Cluain Mhor and Crobally housing estates are well attended to - the shrub beds were weed-free. Hopefully for the year 2000 that the maintenance of these areas will have considerably improved.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It was indicated again last year that as a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in enhancing and protecting the wildlife value of your area. Do make contact with a local environmental expert or the Irish Wildlife Conservancy who will be only too glad to give help and advice. There is also some useful information contained in the Tidy Towns Handbook which was sent to you this year.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the streets of Tramore was reasonably good. The Amusement Park had some litter and as had the shrubs in front of the Laserworld building. There was also some in the car parks and on the Prom itself with pieces of litter scattered throughout the green areas approaching Splashworld. However it was good to see that there was two litter bins erected in front of Splashworld. Issues to be considered next year includes the provision of litter bins in the right place, conspicuously enough, and the frequency of emptying them. A clean-up campaign to tackle the black spots will be necessary. There was also some litter on the open green spaces on the approach road from Waterford.

TIDINESS

As indicated in your report, until the development works are completed it will be difficult to achieve an overall tidy appearance. However the lower end of the Prom does need considerable attention. The kerbs were poorly maintained and resurfacing has to be done throughout. The street furniture, bins and the green poles in front of the Amusement Park area do need refurbishment.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The presentation of residential areas was quite good throughout. The landscaping in the older housing estates has matured very well. Again some railings and boundary walls do need attention. In Sweetbriar the open green spaces were kept in a neat and tidy condition but the shrub areas did need weeding. The open green space at the entrance to the Newtown Hill housing estate was well

presented with just a small area to be completed and landscaped. The Marian Terrace housing estate is an outstanding example of how a residential area should be presented. Its open green spaces were immaculate and the flowerbeds were weed-free. Almost all the houses were very well presented. The trees throughout were well cared for. The residents of all the housing estates must take more responsibility for the presentation of the open green spaces and any shrub beds.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Some of the roads and streets throughout the town do need attention as a result of building construction traffic. Many of the footpaths need renewing and the laneways off the streets in many instances do need resurfacing. Again the car parks need resurfacing and cleaning up. The presentation of side streets, car parks and back areas is an important element in the adjudication process.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your efforts as a Tidy Towns Committee have not been helped by the building development which is taking place throughout Tramore. Traffic resulting from this does increase wear and tear on the town. However one has to be positive and hopefully when all this work is completed it will enhance the town. We note that you have made great efforts to keep the town reasonably tidy. As mentioned last year Tramore has great scope to do well in the Competition and one does look forward to seeing your development plan next year. Once you have established the broad concepts then attention to detail can be tackled. Do not loose heart and continue to keep up the very good and valuable work.