

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	31
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	22
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	26
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	222	211

Villierstown, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form, map and development plan for the years 1999-2002 which were most helpful and interesting. Your development plan is an excellent one and sets out very clearly the objectives for each year covered. The map supplied with the plan was very detailed and the proposed works indicated very clearly on it. Again, this year, it is good to see that you continue to work with the County Council and FAS. Other agencies who can help and advise you in your work are the ESB, Telecom Eireann and the National Rehabilitation Board. They will have valuable advice to give you. You continue to have a strong Committee with more or less the same number of persons to help you with the workload. The hard work of the Committee and community at large helps to make your village beautiful. Well done to all concerned.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The presentation of the buildings in the village continues to be well maintained. The Quay side looked very well. The railings were painted as were the chains and the seat. It does improve the whole appearance of the area. Your proposed development for this area when completed will certainly enhance this area. The monument to John Treacy continues to be well maintained and the railing was in perfect condition. The telephone booth was in good condition, but the glass does need cleaning and refurbishment. I note from your entry form that you are encouraging property owners to maintain the traditional appearance. The School had a nice selection of shrubs and trees and is well maintained. No doubt you are encouraging the owner of the old petrol pump to have it removed. Some of the buildings have a dull appearance and perhaps they could be brightened up with the use of flowers in window boxes, etc.

LANDSCAPING

The open spaces throughout are maintained very well. The area around the John Treacy monument was clean and tidy but grass cuttings do need to be removed. The trees again are being well maintained and are maturing on both sides towards the gate. The area known as the Green looked stunning on the day with a lovely display of shrubs, trees and flowers. It was a riot of colour. The green open space at the cross roads was very well maintained with the railings and seats in pristine condition. The arch with the roses climbing over it looked very nice. On the road to the School there is a lovely small open space with a seat which was again in excellent condition. The triangle at the junction to

the Quay was again maintained very well with some lovely small plants. The open space at the Quay was tidy and when you have completed your plans in this area it should look very special.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your plan for the wildlife area sounds very exciting and when it is completed it will be very well worthwhile for the community. I would suggest that you look at the Tidy Towns Handbook that was sent out to you this year as it contains some very useful information on wildlife and natural amenities (see page 65). The area you have outlined will provide an opportunity of enhancing nature here for the wildlife, flora and fauna alike. Additional information is available from the Irish Wildlife Conservancy.

LITTER CONTROL

Your litter control arrangements are working very well for you throughout the village. There were just a few small pieces observed at the litter bin on the pole and at the stone wall. Well done to all concerned. It is good to see that you have involved the schools with your litter control programme. You may need to provide more litter bins in the right places and empty them frequently.

TIDINESS

Villierstown was presented in a neat and tidy manner. This reflects very well on the local community. The control of weed growth at the kerbs and base of buildings is good. Again, when the Quay area is tidied up, Villierstown will look even tidier still. Again the old petrol pump needs to be removed.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

We note the problem from your entry form with regard to dereliction. It is good to see that you are talking to the County Council and that a plan of action is being developed to deal with it. Many of the houses in the Green area are kept beautifully and some of them have delightful colours. Overall, properties are maintained in good condition. Most of the houses before the School are kept well but a few there do need attention. Again as last year, many of the residents take great pride in maintaining their gardens. Well done to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All the approach roads were maintained in a tidy condition and the verges were cut. The seating throughout was in excellent condition and was freshly painted. The approach

road to the Quay was newly surfaced. Your plan for the resurfacing of the village Square when completed will improve this area. It is also noticed that you intend to restore the stone wall at the cross roads and your Millennium project to get the Fountain at the top of the village back to working order is a very worthy one.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee have done much to improve the presentation of your village. Again, well done to all concerned! You have put in a lot of work in preparing the plan which will be of tremendous assistance to you in guiding your activities over the coming years. The efforts that you make in turn reflect the progress being made by Villierstown in recent years. You have to work within the physical and financial resources available to you. Again, congratulations to all concerned!

SECOND ADJUDICATION (09/08/99)

An extremely well cared for village with great commitment evident from the residents. The numerous grassed areas must require tremendous upkeep. Individual gardens throughout the village are a credit to their owners and contribute greatly to the overall picture. The problems of dereliction and unoccupied homes are understandable. The roadsides with ferns allowed to flourish and well tended hedges and verges make Villiertown very attractive. The quayside is a lovely asset. The historic notes are very welcome.