

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ENNISKERRY**
County : **WICKLOW**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	38
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	21
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	222	217

Enniskerry, County Wicklow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your detailed questionnaire and map, which was very helpful during the course of adjudication. Thank you also for the copy of the 5 year developmental plan which is very realistic. It is also very encouraging to see that your objectives and priorities are being achieved, which suggests very good overall commitment throughout the town village. The adjudicator was very impressed with the presentation of Enniskerry, it really is a magnificent town and one you should be very proud of. It is encouraging to see good individual efforts among both commercial and residential owners.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The adjudicator was impressed with the presentation of Enniskerry this year. The focus of the Clock Tower is complemented greatly by the presentation of buildings surrounding it. The adjudicator would particularly like to commend the use of flowers at the Garda Station which were magnificent on the day of adjudication. The new cobble locking at the seating and telephone kiosk was also a nice addition and it was particularly gratifying to see a traditional telephone kiosk used. Very few eyesore buildings were noted in Enniskerry which is a very positive point and the fact that tourism is recognised as an important life blood for the village should help cement any minor negative buildings. The Information Technology Centre in the community hall was freshly painted, nice to see that landscaping has taken place around this.

LANDSCAPING

The presentation of Enniskerry was quite good this year. While the village has a unique and very attractive street scape and built environment, it is also very well complemented by good use of flowering and planting, in particular around the Clock Tower. Planting by the Enniskerry Trading Company was nice but maybe somewhat overgrown. New landscaping was noted at the Information Technology Hall on the approach from the N11. It is good to see improved works taking place in the Bog Meadow. Areas such as The Church of Ireland grounds are beautifully developed, which obviously taken time. The limited areas available for landscaping within the main street are compensated by your selected use of flower tubs outside premises.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Enniskerry is blessed with a unique number of wildlife

habitats which offer to provide the residents and visitors alike with important wildlife amenities. In this regard the Bog Meadow is an important area as is the River and Knocksink Nature Reserve. The adjudicator looks forward to the efforts of the wildlife survey, with the involvement of local schools coming to the fore.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control management throughout Enniskerry was very good this year, congratulations, particularly in light of the fact that there is a large volume of tourists passing through the village. Generally the square and the main street areas were practically litter free which is to be commended, well done in this regard. However, some litter was noted at the gate - way near Millfield, so try to ensure that these gateways are regularly monitored. Also try to put a bin at the bus stop opposite Kilgarron Park Estate where small sprinklings were noted; this might help to defray from what is otherwise a very good effort.

TIDINESS

The general impression of Enniskerry under this category is very good. Re - cycling facilities were noticed at Texaco Station, well done. It is encouraging to see that commercial premises are not overusing gawdy signage in the presentation or in the treatment of their shop fronts which is to be commended.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The presentation of individual residential areas particularly within the close proximity of the square is to be commended. but an excellent effort made by particularly all residents, within residential parks, while they were generally litter free try to experiment with features that will help improve the overall appearance. Millfield was litter free, Eagle Valley was an excellent presentation, while at Killgarron Park some weeds and litter were noted by the telephone kiosk. Otherwise as stated above, individual efforts are to be commended, particularly around the village square.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach road from the N11, grass verges and hedges had been cut which gives a neat appearance as one approaches the village. On the approach road from Glenree, verges were somewhat overgrown and would benefit from a cutting at time of adjudication. On the two approach roads from Kiltarnan try to maintain vigilance in terms of litter which was not bad on day of adjudication but which could possibly build up along these stretches of road. Overall though not a bad effort.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator was impressed with the presentation of Enniskerry again this year, continued serious efforts are evident and are commended. It is a true sign that the ethos of the Tidy Towns Competition is filtering through to all sectors. It is encouraging to see that Enniskerry still maintains its unique estate village atmosphere and one which is very welcoming to visitors. Keep up the good work and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing more work in the future.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (08/08/99)

Enniskerry is a very beautiful village and traditionally provides a great Dubliners day out – the village itself and as a starting point for further ventures. The buildings and central focus all look very well cared for. The surrounding facilities and interests enhance the richness of the village and these have been well utilised. While the plan will develop the potential of this village well a number of detail items such as litter, rough road surfaces in places and broken pavements need urgent attention. The upkeep of floral displays is vital throughout the summer months. A little attention to the rose border in the Catholic Church may bring this back to the state as described at first adjudication. A little more attention to kerb weeds in the village and the maintenance of the newly planted area at the community centre would be helpful.