Tidy Towns 2000

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GREENORE**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	38
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	25
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	**300**	**231**	**225**

Greenore, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The development approach of Greenore, which strives to involve the whole community and especially the children in the care of their environment, is truly an excellent one. Your well-laid out plan and map were a pleasure to read. The supporting historical and other documentation was also read with interest and gives an important insight into what has been achieved to date, as well as your thoughtful approach to future development.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The fine new stone wall opposite St. James's Well was noted. Perhaps the broken section, which borders the back of Fr. Keegan Park, could be restored at some point in the future. The work carried out at the Slipway and the Coastguard Station is important in improving ease of access for the Sea Rescue Service. It would be good to see the Lighthouse looking as freshly painted as the surrounding walls. The Broadway Bar with its delightful little courtyard is most attractive. The old phone box here needs a coat of paint. The Old Co-op Shop and Post Office look very well, but the wooden window frames would benefit from general cleaning and painting. The Golf Club Clubhouse looks superb in its beautiful setting. The installation of stylish cast iron railings at the Lamppost Construction premises, has done much to upgrade the entrance to the industrial estate. We appreciate your difficulties with the derelict shed at the end of Euston Street and note that you are taking what actions you can to improve its appearance.

LANDSCAPING

The street scene from the top of Euston Street is striking, with the long eye-catching border on the right, and the hanging baskets, window boxes and tubs of flowers all contributing to a glorious display of colour. The shrub bed at the top left-hand corner may need some extra attention. The green, beds and window boxes on Anglesey Terrace provide another fine display. The greens of the golf course are in top class condition and the mature pines along the roadside, combined with the younger trees give great character to the approach from Dundalk/Carlingford. The green areas along the promenade are neatly maintained, but some of the trees here appear to be struggling and may need to be replaced. The flower beds in front of Dolphin Packaging and just below the name sign are developing well. The newly planted creepers are making headway on

the derelict shed. Fr. Keegan Park is very well kept. The grass at St. James' Well had been cut, but needed to be cleared from around the mouth of the well. Some factory entrances at the industrial estate would benefit from additional planting and screening of fences.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The superb amenities you have developed at the seashore are obviously giving a lot of pleasure to many people, as the anglers carpark was being used to full capacity on the afternoon of the adjudication. A large amount of visitors were enjoying the wonderful views and the sight of the anglers in action. The new wildlife board at the carpark is excellent. Perhaps you might consider providing some historical information on Greenore in a similar format, as there is so much of interest in the village's history.
Good luck with your plans for the Cutting, this will be another very worthwhile project for the local community.

LITTER CONTROL

Some litter was noted along the beach in front of the promenade. It is understandable how difficult this area must be to police with the tide playing its part in washing up all sorts of debris. Quite a few sweet papers were scattered around the seat beside the phone box (which seems to be a favourite play area for the village children) and at the new seats in front of the Golf Club.

TIDINESS

The village presents a tidy scene despite the proximity of the port, the industrial estate and the presence of heavy goods vehicles which, pass through the village with surprising frequency. The well maintained terraces, promenade, and neat weed free area to the front of Dolphin Packaging all contribute to the sense of tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Euston Street and Anglesey Terrace are delightfully presented. The new housing has slotted in very well. The boarded up house here will hopefully be renovated in the very near future. The wooden chalets and the Coastguard houses add further character to the range of charming homes in Greenore.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces and footpaths are maintained in good condition. Plans to install a footpath from Euston Street to the Beach Café are very worthwhile. The back lane behind Euston Street is well kept, as are the entrance to Dolphin Packaging and the port area. The approach road is most

attractive, with verges of wild flowers and young trees on one side, contrasting with the carefully groomed greens of the golf course on the other side.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Greenore is a charming and unique village with a fascinating past. You have made great progress in the last few years. By continuing with your comprehensive plans and keeping a check on basics like litter control, you should achieve much success in the years ahead.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (06/08/00)

Greenore was looking smart and tidy – something which the best entries always seem to achieve during the busy holiday weekend. Indeed, there was less litter than at the previous visit, though there was some at The Cutting. More, and more obviously placed, bins might be an incentive towards tidiness for the anti-social visitor. Old cement blocks beside the Café add to the somewhat untidy approach to this pleasant area. Congratulations to the Community for an even better showing than ever before. In regard to your query about shops, awards have certainly been made over the years to many fine Victorian examples; the criterion is not architectural style or period but overall effect. Because the entry is enormous – there can be up to 700 nationwide – competition is very strong, and judging is on the following basis: excellence of design, standard of presentation of the façade/fascia, and maintenance of the entire building taking into consideration stonework/brickwork/stucco, joinery, painting, the condition of the upper storeys including roof, gable and chimney-stacks – for example, there should be no weed growth on the latter. Absence of plastic and mass-produced signage, as well as of obtrusive window-stickers, is an essential.