

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ANNESTOWN**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 14-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	194	189

Annestown, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

As recommended last year, the creation of a 3 to 5 year Development Plan, listing objectives for each year under each category, provides a real basis for and stimulus to, to improvements. Thank you for your completed entry form and for your map. The purpose of the latter is to show the locations of whatever developments or changes have been made over the previous twelve months – for example, you might have noted the position of new litter bins. (The prominent modern building at the top of the village – sports club – is not marked, so the map needs updating.)

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church of St John the Baptist is well maintained, as ever. The sports centre nearby is neat if a trifle drab – perhaps there is an opportunity for some colour here, as is so successful in private houses. Annestown Guest House is very well presented in its commanding position. The castleated limekiln makes an interesting feature at the approach to beach and cliffs.

LANDSCAPING

Paths to the sea and clifftop through shrubbery's and spinneys have been enticingly provided. The open nature of the garden of Annestown House as approached from the main street is most attractive, with planting appropriate to situation and climate. Floral decorations here and there throughout the village add interest in an unobtrusive and charming way. Extensive planting of shrubs suitable to the exposed position would enhance the boundaries of the sports field.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The estuary and wetlands, and the Annestown Valley Project of Duchas of which they are an essential element, are of extraordinary interest. You might enclose more information about the immediately local aspect of this project under the above heading next year. Much bird life was seen on the date of adjudication, including a pair of swans with five cygnets on the pond at Rock House – an ideal habitat for them. Perhaps the site of the un-named obelisk in the marsh could be developed as a nature-watching post.

LITTER CONTROL

This was very good, with very little disposable litter in the

places frequented by visitors.

TIDINESS

The village is neat and tidy throughout, except for the frontages of a few houses on a side road near the church. Weed growth appeared to be better controlled than last year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The street houses and cottages of the main street are most attractive, smartly painted and with generally good woodwork. Planting, especially where there are climbers and ramblers, add distinction. PVC window frames inserted in old buildings was unfavourably commented upon last year. The only residential area which is less satisfactory has been mentioned under 'Tidiness' above.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Surfaces and paving are good. The seaside carpark is exemplary – excellent surface, fencing and grass-cutting. Stone boundary walls are handsome and well maintained. Signage was clean and clear on the date of adjudication.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

A dramatically situated and neatly kept village – a pleasure to visit and a credit to its residents.