

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **CAMOLIN**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 21-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	--
The Built Environment	40	22	--
Landscaping	40	23	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	--
Litter Control	40	29	--
Tidiness	20	14	--
Residential Areas	30	20	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	--
General Impression	10	5	--
TOTAL MARK	300	185	--

Camolin, County Wexford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The attractive centre, Camolin, is warmly welcomed to the Tidy Towns Movement. Thank you for your completed entry form, together with the most useful map of the centre which proved of value on the day of adjudication. In this, your first year, your plans, of necessity, must be aspirational rather than reality but no less meritorious for all that. In the setting out of a Three to Five Year Programme, aim to accentuate the start point of the village and the divide line between it and the surrounding, rural countryside. It is important that the Tidy Towns Committee be in the ownership of as wide a cross section of the community as is feasible and in this regard the establishment of small groups within, for example, the housing estate at Craanford Road and elsewhere is recommended. It has been found useful to identify the primary objectives in the early years and couple this with an approximate timetable for their completion. The presence of a simple Three to Five Year Programme, agreed by the community at large will be significant in ensuring an enhanced sense of engagement among the community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The centre, although small, is endowed with a number of worthwhile structures. Corrigan's traditional shopfront is a delight while the Post Office is also a fine building. The presentation of Tom Doyle's large tyre centre was excellent, while the Parkside pub window boxes and the shrub-lined car park were very well presented. The Pike Inn also caught the eye. We noted work in progress on the school, while two planters were observed outside the door of the Catholic Church; the grass was somewhat overgrown at the Church of Ireland

LANDSCAPING

The centre offers a range of opportunities for landscaping. The school grounds were particularly well presented with very fine ground planting. While the four planters outside the Post Office, were noted with approval, wherever possible ground planting is preferable. The very extensive non-playing area between the road and the fields at the GAA St Patrick's Park was very much overgrown and this area might be tackled by the club itself to improve matters.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The encouragement of wildlife by the creation, within the centre, of bird and wildlife habitats is now an integral part of

the Tidy Towns programme. It is recommended that the Tidy Towns Committee contact Dúchas –The Heritage Service and secure the aid of their wildlife ranger in the preparation of a suitable programme. This will prove most effective when linked to a series of talks on aspects of wildlife and particularly bird life in the areas. A number of locations within the village could be planted with berry-bearing shrubs, thus enhancing their suitability for bird life.

LITTER CONTROL

In this, your first year of adjudication, the level of litter management is above average for a centre of this size. Some attention will however be needed to the provision of additional and perhaps improved litter bins. The litter bins at St Mouling's Terrace, for example, are not now in good shape. The litter bins beside Parkside Stores and at the Post Office are to be preferred.

TIDINESS

Many factors intrude, for good or ill, in the tidy presentation of a village. Dealing with the derelict houses in the village centre is clearly a long-term project and can best be discussed with the owners and the local authorities. The enhanced presentation of the 1900 National School is likewise a long term aim and we note it features on your schedule of things to achieve. Work is in progress at the Church of Ireland. To enhance the sense of enclosure and accentuate the desirable streetscape screening is needed at the large scale industrial premises. A suitable programme is needed in this regard.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Although small the centre is well endowed with attractively presented residential areas. The housing estate on the Craanford Road and St Mouling's have well presented communal grassed areas with a number of houses featuring attractive gardens. Colourful houses were a feature of the Enniscorthy end of village with delightfully presented gardens. The use of planters at the communal grassed areas might be reconsidered with a heavier emphasis on ground planting in this area. Mill House was a delight. The encouragement, perhaps by competitions, of enhanced individual garden presentations is suggested.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Craanford Road, verges and hedgerows were appropriately cut back to the 30 mph speed limit sign. The signs on the Gorey Road were well presented. A modest amount of planting is attractive. Again the emphasis should be on creating a clear cut divide between the village itself and the

surrounding, rural countryside.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Camolin offers a great deal of potential and has made a significant start on the Tidy Towns trail. All associated with the committee and the wider community are offered congratulations on their decision to join and encouragement to participate fully in the programme to the betterment and advantage of all within the community.