

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **FOULKSMILLS**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	34	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	31	29
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	27
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>200</b>

## **Foulksmills, County Wexford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

A splendid advance on the solid work in previous years, Foulksmills continues to march forward and upwards in the Tidy Towns programme. Thank you for the very useful map itemising the various tasks undertaken this year. The very fine stonewall entrance on Clongeen Road has matured pleasantly since its construction in 1995. The wall, surmounted by flowers, at the co-operative is excellent, while the wire fencing, being taut, sets off very well the large scale and suitably painted Shelbourne Co-operative. The '98 Walk, by the mill, is well signposted. A particularly pleasing aspect of Foulksmills is the delightful entrance from Wexford and the back road as you enter under a canopy of tall and stately trees.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The mill itself is an imposing centre and the mill wheel and millrace seemed more visible this year. Byrne's House and grounds were very well presented, as was the 1860s house, being well set off with hanging baskets and window boxes. The Oak Tree Pub was much improved with the provision of attractive light standards and some small scale planting. White's Bar, freshly painted, was also very well presented. The replacement wall and the enhanced surround at the oak tree all contributed to an overall excellent presentation.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The oak tree already referred to, was very well presented, as was the small pump at the corner here. The park and the Corock were very well presented, appealing and inviting on the day of adjudication. The cleaning work undertaken and the general presentation of the park itself was of a high order. The absence of weeds at the base of walls was a most agreeable feature throughout the village.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Few centres are as well endowed with potential wildlife habitats. The river itself and the adjoining park provide ample opportunity, as does the grove planting at the apex of the Wexford and Back roads. Planting opportunities on the Clongeen Road are also significant in this regard.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter has become less of a problem in the centre in recent years. Very limited amounts were observed on the day of adjudication. A few additional litterbins are recommended at

locations where groups can be expected to congregate.

## **TIDINESS**

Neat and orderly are the adjectives that spring to mind in connection with this centre. White's Bar car park was well swept, while throughout the centre the base of walls were swept and neat. The car park opposite the co-operative, because of its fine stonewalls, has an agreeable sense of enclosure. The impressive estate gates on Clongeen Road, above the post office should be re-hung and painted. The Recycle for Life at the filling station was well sited and suitably used. The house beside 1860 Villa does need attention. The grassed areas at Twomey Engineering are applauded but additional screening is recommended at this location.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential housing stock in the area is limited but is well presented. The mill house itself is impressive while the houses behind the mill are suitably whitewashed. The imposing new entrance gate at Rahneeneun is a fine addition.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The village nameplate on the New Ross Road and the 40mph speed limit signs were well presented. The fine stonewalls on the New Ross Road and on Clongeen Road are imposing. The speed limit sign on Clonaeen Road is askew. The verges and hedgerows have been pleasantly and suitably cut back to emphasise the divide point between the village proper and its surrounding, rural areas. The canopy of trees on the Wexford approach road is a pure delight.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Foulksmills has made a major advance during the last year in its Tidy Towns presentation. The committee and all associated with this ongoing improvement are applauded for their efforts. Please continue your endeavours to enhance this most historic and well-endowed small village.