

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **THE HARROW**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	13	13
Litter Control	40	39	40
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	30
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>213</b>

## **The Harrow, County Wexford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The tiny community of The Harrow is a splendidly presented little oasis in a rural setting. Judicious hedge cutting and the verges being appropriately cut back have achieved a clear-cut division between it and the surrounding countryside.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The main commercial building, Redmond's Bar and Lounge, is freshly painted, adorned with hanging baskets and projects a welcoming, warm and pleasing vista to all. Even the agricultural buildings have been adorned with hanging baskets and other items that are a delight. The 1798 memorial was very well presented and in the main store the doors were well painted in grey.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The planting at the road junction was imaginative, comprehensive and colourful. Hanging baskets were used extensively throughout the small centre to good effect. Planters have been used in some settings. Wherever possible, ground planting is to be preferred giving a more natural feel and longevity to the plants and shrubs.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The size of the settlement in itself, assures the presence of a wide range of bird life and wildlife ever present and observable from all places in the village.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Once again litter management is near absolute in the centre. A suitable sized litterbin is located outside the bar.

### **TIDINESS**

Not alone the absence of litter, but the general manner in which the settlement presents itself makes for a tidy, agreeable and orderly presentation. The Recycle for Life facility is appropriately located in the yard.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Each of the small number of houses that collectively make up the housing stock were uniformly well presented, augmented by delightfully designed and assiduously maintained gardens.

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

The village nameplates were well presented but the one on the Gorey Road was somewhat obscured by grass growth. Weeds were noted along this road. The Kilmuckridge Road and the Ferns Road were both delightfully well presented, with the hedgerows neatly cut back revealing, in places, the attractive herringbone form of construction underneath.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

This delightful, very small centre is a joy to visit. Clearly it is being lovingly maintained. Our compliments, best wishes and congratulations to all involved in another splendid presentation.