

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **HARE ISLAND**
County : **CORK**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	60	30
Homes, Harbour areas and other Facilities	60	45
Litter Control and Tidiness	60	45
Roads, Walls and Hedgerows	60	42
Overall General Impression	60	49
TOTAL MARK	300	211

Adjudicators Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator was disappointed to note your completion of the application form appeared quite basic in terms of the responses. It is essential that you develop a three or five year work programme for the future development / conservation of the island. This document need only be one or two pages long outlining your plans for future development and setting a time frame against their implementation. You should also draw up a clearer map highlighting the areas of interest which would be extremely useful to the adjudicator on the day. The adjudicator noted your problems in relation to the lack of community hall. Perhaps the old school house in its central location could be restored and used for this purpose.

HOMES, HARBOUR AREAS AND OTHER FACILITIES

Most of the cottages on the island were commendably traditional in style. A number of new houses were noted - do ensure that future developments use traditional materials ie plastered finish. An attractive garden and freshly whitewashed cottage at Cu Cú In looked well – tyres had been filled with a colourful display of nasturtiums at the boundary. Island Cottage was extremely fresh and an attractive house on the water's edge by the bridge with roses growing around its front door was greatly admired. Another attractive cottage was noted in a central location at the bend beyond the bridge with an attractive cottage garden including gladioli. The new pier appears to be rather out of scale with the island as its large concrete structure is quite prominent especially when viewed from the water at low tide. The burger van and picnic tables at the junction of the strand could be a potentially unfortunate development – perhaps a more permanent structure could be considered for selling snacks in this location including a prominent litter bin as litter was a problem on the road to the beach!

LITTER CONTROL AND TIDINESS

A burnt out pile of rubbish by a new house adjacent to the phone box looked most unfortunate along the main spine road of the island. A rusty trailer and a number of abandoned vans created a bad impression further along. Do ensure that out buildings are as freshly maintained as the main structures of the island. Litter control was generally quite good except on the road to the beach where a number of papers strewn along looked extremely unfortunate.

ROADS, WALLS AND HEDGROWS

Hare Island is indeed fortunate in relation to wealth of wild flowers in the hedgerows. Of note were michaelmas daisies, montbretia and dog daisies. Do ensure that hedge cutting

does not interrupt this wonderful wealth of wildlife in relation to bird nesting times and blackberry time! A wealth of unusual butterflies, insects and bird life were evident as one walked along the island roads. In terms of street furniture the perspex to the phone box is extremely badly stained and should be replaced with natural materials i.e. glass. The road surfaces generally were in good condition. The simple narrow bridge is a major focal point, located as it is at the centre of the island. Do ensure that it is conserved and maintained in its current simple condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Hare Island is an attractive, natural and unusual centre. Do ensure that any future development is minimal in impact, and does not spoil its simple nature is in keeping with its traditional character.