

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **ROCHESTOWN**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 10-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	32
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	31	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	24
Litter Control	40	25	27
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	26	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>198</b>

## **Rochestown, Co. Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Rochestown Tidy Districts Association is obviously an extremely enthusiastic one. Marvellous work has been achieved in relation to the restoration of the railway platform. Next year is the final year in your work programme and certainly much of what you had planned to do has been achieved. Perhaps for next year's submission you could consider re-drawing your enclosed map in order to more clearly indicate areas that you wish to be highlighted.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The adjudicator was pleased to note that the Rochestown Inn had been sold and ongoing development works taking place in this location. In regard to this perhaps consideration should be given to the colour scheme of the building. Try to ensure that this is kept reasonably subtle. The cinnamon cottage looked extremely fresh in its mustard colour. Good luck with your endeavours in regard to the future development of the Gate Lodge.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping to the entrance area to the Rochestown Park Hotel is most attractive and adds greatly to this aspect of the village's presentation. The village green area at the riverside is well cared for with its timber tubs. The landscaping to the front of the Bord Gáis sub-station also looked extremely well with its mature trees on top of the grassy bank. Perhaps further consideration could be given to the landscaping of the car park area adjacent. The large sloping planted bed with cape daisies etc. near the Rochestown Auto Centre was greatly admired.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Rochestown is fortunate in regard to this aspect of the competition in its prime location on the estuary. Cuthbert's Marsh is a marvellous amenity and its walkway obviously well used. Unfortunately this area was closed on adjudication day. The lowering of the stone wall leading from St. Gerard's Place to Hop Island and the development of the footpaths in this location should benefit viewing the estuary when walking in this location.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control on the day could have been to a higher standard. One must be ever vigilant in this regard when dealing with a centre as small as Rochestown. Litter was apparent to the Douglas side of the village, on the green space near Delford Drive, at the crossroads of Monastery Road and the car park area by the Bord Gáis building.

## **TIDINESS**

This is another area in which vigilance is essential in a village of Rochestown's size as problem areas are also evident. Weed control was a definite problem throughout in particular to the curbsides at the railway platform. The slip road leading to the Southern Ring Road appeared quite rough and could be improved upon in terms of landscaping and weed control.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

This category forms a huge part of the overall presentation of the village and adds greatly to its visual impact. Individual houses and estates are extremely well kept, of particular note being the following – Kiltegan, Wainsfort, Delford, Newlyn Vale, Rochestown Rise, Brookfield and Riverside. The Ovals with its sloping landscaping leading to its boundary wall and entrance looked marvellous.

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

The standard in this aspect of the competition was quite inconsistent. The standard of signage could have been better. The flaky village nameplate on the Douglas side of the village created a bad impression in this location. The children crossing sign near the green was extremely grubby, as was the junction sign in this location. It was quite overgrown to the Crosshaven side of the village, in particular by the bus stop. Road surfaces will hopefully be improved upon in the not to distant future. You should contact your local authority in this regard.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Rochestown is situated in an extremely attractive waterside location. The many houses that form its fabric are extremely well cared for and the landscaped spaces throughout the village greatly enhance its visual aspect.