

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GREENORE**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	39
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	25
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	16
Residential Areas	30	27	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	27
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	236	231

Greenore, Co. Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

It was a great pleasure to adjudicate Greenore again and to experience the many improvements to the village over the last few years. The committee really are to be congratulated. Thank you for your application and the interesting news on developments in the village. We wish you well in new future endeavours. Greenore is, of course, most welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. Greenore is a charming Victorian Railway Village, with many scenic views both into and out of the village complemented by nature walks. The detail regarding the continental shelf three metres out from the low tide mark is fascinating.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Properties are beautifully presented in most cases. As noted in previous years, some commercial properties in the environs of the 'Dolphin Packaging' factory could have their walls cleaned, painted or indeed planted with a climbing plant. The entrance to the estate of commercial properties on the main road could be upgraded also, in particular the entrance to the Excel complex. The 'old national school' is beautifully presented as are all of the older buildings in the village. As indicated in the reports of previous years, both the Irish Coast Guard building and the Beach Café need some treatment to their roadside façades.

LANDSCAPING

There are many positive features to Greenore under this heading. The most impressive are, of course, the stands of mature pine trees along the perimeter of the golf course marking the entrance into the village. These are truly magnificent. Roadside verges on the far side of the road to the golf course have been nicely landscaped also, however, in some cases the grass has been allowed to grow too long, thus reducing the visual impact of the landscaping. Perhaps even the roadside edge of the verge here could be kept short to maximise the visual impact of landscaping. The Father Keegan park was much admired. The flower displays in window boxes along Anglesea Terrace together with the hanging baskets along Eustace Street added a welcome splash of colour to Greenore and the fragrance of the mature shrubbery along Eustace Street was equalled only by the exhilarating smell of salt sea air along the waterfront.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The cry of the curlew on the sunny June morning of first adjudication spoke volumes for your performance under this heading. Greenore is obviously a settlement where there is

respect for wildlife habitats. Some initiative to raise the awareness of wildlife present might be undertaken and perhaps featured in the walk along the shore and the 'cutting' back to the main road. The central green space could feature a wildflower garden pending redevelopment.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was very good throughout the village, however the carpark at the end of the village was badly littered due to an overflowing litter bin. Apart from this problem, very little litter was seen in the village. Some bags were noted caught in the long grass just inside the gate of the stone wall enclosed triangular green open space at the junction of the main road with Euston Street. Some pieces of litter were noted along the foreshore area, again this was not a serious problem.

TIDINESS

Overall the village was exceptionally tidy. The one problem area noted was at the rear of the triangular green open space, a derelict tractor and tyres and general bits and pieces were noted, however these were well out of public view and perhaps only visually accessible to residents and, of course, Tidy Towns Adjudicators.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residential properties are beautifully presented and the new infill houses on Anglesea Terrace complement their setting beautifully, well done. Some old iron railings of a residential property on the main street just before the turn for Euston Street should be refurbished and featured rather than replaced with other boundary treatment. Some residential properties both on the Shore road and on the main road into the village need their boundary treatment upgraded.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road to the waterfront is unsafe having no footpath, this should be redressed. Street furniture was well presented.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Greenore is immensely favourable. It is a great pleasure to adjudicate the Cooley peninsula in general and the 'Greenore' experience complements our visit to this area.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (02/08/01)

At midsummer, the landscaping, bedding and flower displays were looking first class. On the other hand, the long verge on the industrial side of the approach road had become even more untidy than earlier, with prime examples of ragwort at commercial entrances. The trees on the seafront were braving the elements – but are these the right kind of trees for this exposed area? Altogether another very

good entry, and an unusually large increase in marks at this, the highest level, of the Competition.