

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **ENNISCRONE**
County : **SLIGO**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	--
The Built Environment	40	24	--
Landscaping	40	24	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	--
Litter Control	40	24	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	24	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	169	--

Enniscrone, County Sligo

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

This adjudicator would like to welcome Enniscrone back to the competition. Thank you for your completed questionnaire and map, these were very helpful. Under this heading and using the various competition headings, the Committee is requested to submit a clear and simple 3/5-year work programme next year, outlining achievable targets for the committee. This will help focus your work in the future, and it also helps the adjudicator to measure your progress. Your community involvement, schools programme and your co-operation with the County Council was noted, and the benefits of these partnerships should enhance and enrich the village and its community.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Enniscrone in its dramatic coastal setting has many features within the town that contributes to its overall appearance. Many of the public, business and residential properties in the town are attractively presented and maintained, with attractive floral features. There are still some premises with excessive plastic signs and stickers in their windows, however many premises new and old have more considered signage. The Garda Station, Benbulbin Hotel, Church, Golf Club with its impressively layed hedges, all looked well. The Waterpoint centre was tidy, well maintained and presented with some lovely stone features and landscaping. Tuffys garage and surrounds looks very untidy, but some building debris needs to be removed from the entrance to the Caravan Park where the gates also need some attention. The Castle Arms with its lovely tubs and Walshes Pub with its lovely presentation and flower features both looked well. A small café with a wooden sign and some flower features caught the eye. Your excellent play facilities and tennis courts are a great asset to the community although both need some attention to their boundaries. The old lifeboat station / sea baths is a building worth repairing and preserving. The development beside the church looked well maintained and presented, with smart shop fronts, picnic area and a good screening gate. Some lovely fencing was noted around the hairdressers where an old gas sign needs to be removed. Connaughtons were putting up some lovely window boxes on the day of adjudication. The committee must also encourage business people to keep the areas in front of their shops clear and tidy to avoid interfering with safe access for those with disabilities.

LANDSCAPING

Some nice landscaping features, shrub beds, attractive window boxes, tubs, and hanging baskets were evident. Some of your schemes included suitable seaside perennials

and shrubs that provide colour and content throughout the year. Some benches at the beach and pier need some attention. The grass at the pedestrian access to the beach could be tidied without compromising the flora and fauna and the benches here need their paintwork refreshed. Further up the beach path some lovely cordalines and roses were noted, hopefully the gaps in this lovely planting will be replanted. An empty planter at the bridge and on the upper beach road should be removed or filled, similarly there are some other beds that need attention in the town. The stone walls banking the Bunawaddy River looked very well, and a fine water pump at the bridge could be incorporated into a landscape feature.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Committee have an important role in preserving and suitably enhancing the natural environment within their community. The Flora and Fauna sign at the beach was noted at the beach. There are also other opportunities for enhancing and conserving wildlife habitats and the environment within the town. Wild flower meadows / grass areas, nesting boxes, pond/water features, trees and hedgerows offer additional opportunities. The local children and their school and grounds are an option for developing some of these opportunities. Work in conjunction with relevant local bodies, ENFO, or a local wildlife expert to develop this area.

LITTER CONTROL

There was some litter evident on the day of adjudication on the Easkey approach road, at the beach, in some of the Car Parks and on the shingle beach behind the pier. You have sufficient and appropriately maintained and sited bins, but one rusty bin on the upper beach road. Your schools programme and community clean up projects also contribute to the marks in this section. The committee and community must remain vigilant in this very important area at all times.

TIDINESS

The overall impression of the town was one of general tidiness. However there are some premises and areas that detract from the overall picture. An old prefab shop at the beach road looks very unsightly.

An abandoned car, behind the pier toilets needs to be removed, as does some building material opposite the pier area. Forecourts, back yards visible from the road, kerb edges, all open spaces, and areas between properties should be appropriately maintained and kept tidy and litter / weed free. Back alleys/yards, should be appropriately screened particularly in areas that will attract rubbish or dumping. A farmyard on the Easkey Road is an example where a screening gate could be used; similarly there is a yard behind the Seaweed baths that needs further attention. A derelict house opposite the baths and one at the pier also

need to be tidied up. The old church on the way to Easkey has some building debris in its forecourt although work seems to be happening out the back. Dereliction is a challenge, often imaginatively faced by many entrants. A simple tidy or cosmetic paint job can improve the presentation of old sites and derelict premises.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of houses throughout the town and on the approach roads were generally well presented. Some attractive hedges, lawns and colourful flowers and lovely stone walls in individual gardens were noted, well done to those responsible. However the nicely maintained homes highlight those that need attention or their paint work refreshed both in the town, housing developments and on the approach roads. The residential area opposite Kilcawleys shop need to tidy their established beds and grass area. The brightly painted apartments opposite The Castle Arms looked well. The Marine Lighthouse Apartments are very impressive with some lovely stone and landscape features. Cahirmore had good roads; many nice homes but some flowerbeds need attention. Cahirhubbock needs to tidy their entrance and improve its presentation. A small estate opposite the Pilots Bar looks well and has a lovely shrub bed that needs a little work. The two older houses opposite the church with their original sash windows and features look very well. Classic Holiday Homes looked very well with some lovely flowerbeds, trees and open areas. The Pergola is an original idea, just ensure it is suitably planted and maintained. Woodlawn looked well with some nice tree planting; the estates past it hopefully will be finished with some similar planting,

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads are the first impression of any town and require particular attention for this reason. The Easkey road had some tidy verges and nicely maintained grass area. The fine sign is an opportunity for a small landscape feature. There were some good road surfaces and foot paths in the centre of the town, however some of the minor roads have poor road surface and edging. The piping outside the Water Treatment Works hopefully will be removed. On the Ballina road the fences at the Caravan Park and past the Golf Club need to be repaired and painted. The kerbing, seats and the road surface at the pier need some attention, although the pier itself looked well. Opposite the Cahirmore Holiday Home some fencing needs to be repaired. Some of the signs in the town also need some attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator was impressed with many aspects of Enniscrone. Continue to foster co-operation with local bodies and organisations that may be able to help with advice and ideas in many areas of the competition. Your

efforts to date are a good advertisement to the rest of the community, Well done and keep up the good work.