

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **TRAMORE**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	34	33
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	27	28
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	27	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	224	221

Tramore, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the information sent on the entry form and for the map which was most useful. It is encouraging to read that you have support from your County and Town Councils and that, in general, there is a good interest in your efforts. However the comments made in last year's report regarding the provision of a plan is still applicable. In such a plan you should try to identify what you can do with your physical and financial resources and phase the work over 3 to 5 years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Considerable commercial building has taken place in Tramore in the recent times, which, together with residential building, has turned Tramore into a town of a significant size. Commercial premises in the main street looked particularly well and were very colourful. As last year, public buildings are also being very well maintained. These include both Churches, the Garda Station, Fire Station, Library, Post Office, Community Centre, Tramore House, and the Splashworld and South buildings. The Grand Hotel and the Majestic Hotel were again well presented.

LANDSCAPING

Ongoing maintenance work at the Donerail and Newtown Hill were noted. The garden at Tramore House is delightful but, as mentioned last year, commercial premises in town should be encouraged to provide hanging baskets, tubs of flowers, window boxes, etc. Landscaping on the Waterford Road and on the roundabout is maturing nicely.

Open spaces again are being well maintained, particularly in the matured housing estates. Substantial open spaces are being provided at new housing estates, which, for the future, will need constant monitoring and maintenance. On the basis of what you say regarding the lack of physical support, this may get beyond the capability of a Tidy Towns Committee so it would be important to encourage local residents associations to carry out this work.

A nice new landscaped park on the main Tramore/Waterford road was also noted and looked very well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your comments on the entry form under this heading are noted. However, this particular part of the competition applies to the development of a wildlife project, details of which are in the Tidy Towns handbook. Comments made in this respect, in last year's report, are still applicable.

LITTER CONTROL

Tramore was practically litter free on adjudication day. Great credit is due to all concerned. The situation in the vicinity of Splashworld has greatly improved. There was, however, some litter to be seen at the Cove. Great credit is due also to the residents of the various housing estates. There was hardly a piece of litter to be seen in any of them.

TIDINESS

The town was presented in a neat and tidy manner and reflects great credit on all concerned. It was noted that large-scale building is still taking place and allowances have been made for this. On adjudication day the promenade and the beach looked very well. As these are primary features of Tramore the situation, in this respect, needs to be monitored regularly.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most of the housing estates in Tramore were visited including Meadowbrook, Westbrook, Pinegrove, Roselawn, Carrigeenlea, the Crobally area and sites of apartment buildings including Pebble Beach. With the exception of the matter mentioned above regarding open spaces, all were represented in a very neat and tidy manner. In this connection the Kennedy Park/Marion Terrace again looked extremely well and is being beautifully maintained. Well done to all concerned.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Street surfaces and paths are quite good and the resurfacing of Patrick Street was noted. There are many approach roads into Tramore and, in the main, these are being reasonably well maintained. In some cases, however, grass and verges needed cutting.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Overall, Tramore looked very well yet again this year. It is disappointing to read that there is not more support for your specific Tidy Towns effort but, nevertheless, it is obvious that individual premises, residents associations and your local Council are doing excellent work and are to be congratulated on it. At the moment, the emphasis seems to be on maintenance which, in itself, is to be commended, but there is, however, a need to plan further projects if Tramore is to continue to progress in the competition. In the meantime keep up the good work.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (02/08/02)

The helpful comments of the first adjudicator about the lack of physical support mentioned on your entry form, to the effect that this 'may get beyond the capability of

the Tidy Towns Committee', should be seriously considered. It is likely that this committee takes a more active role than is usual, and indeed it reflects well on the committee's efforts that the town was looking so well on second adjudication day at the height of the busy tourist season. However, a small group can only do so much. The Tidy Towns movement works at its best when three essential elements are evenly balanced: (1) the leadership and imaginative input of the committee, (2) the duty of every resident and property-owner to maintain homes and premises to the optimum standard, and (3) the technical contribution of the official bodies, and especially the Local Authority, in providing the necessary physical support.

For example, while it is right that the committee should discourage littering by every means possible, it is ultimately the function of the Council to remove litter when and where it occurs in public places. The Council also has the power to impose substantial fines. (Incidentally, on second adjudication day there was much litter in the vicinity of the lifeguards' hut, a light scattering near the amusements and also in the neighbourhood between the main roundabout and the furthest part of the promenade but the upper part of the town was remarkably free.) The first adjudicator's comments should be helpful in re-ordering the way in which the excellent work is apportioned.