

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bree**

Ref: **39**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **198**

Category: **A**

Date: **09/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	30	25
Landscaping	40	30	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	31	29
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	19	20
General Impression	10	7	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>188</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Bree is certainly an interesting village with its wealth of history and heritage including dolmen, Mass Path, and Pugin church. Before next year's competition you should formulate a work programme. This document need only be a few pages long, outlining your plans and objectives for the village and setting a timeframe in which you intend to implement your plans. It will prove invaluable to you in order to monitor your progress as the years go by. It will also be useful to the adjudicators in assessing your village.

### The Built Environment:

The commercial premises of the village looked excellent and beautifully fresh - Spar was fresh. Do ensure that plastic signage is replaced with that of the more traditional timber variety. The public buildings also looked well - the magnificent church, centrally located, looked well with fresh railings. The community centre was very fresh - the trees are coming along well but the forecourt still appears somewhat bare, due to its situation, on a height. Perhaps more planting could be considered here.

### Landscaping:

The new graveyard was well maintained. The trees planted opposite and at the Community Centre

looked well. The attractive planted beds with red hot pokers, irises and permanent planting along the Main Street in front of the houses, was admired.

### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your work in regard to this category of the competition, such as the provision of the bird bath, planting of new trees and growing berry producing creeper, are all to be commended.

### **Litter Control:**

The adjudicator was pleased to read of the provision of 8 new litter bins in the village. The standard of litter control on the day was extremely good. A single bottle was evident, but, besides this, the village was remarkably free of litter on the day.

### **Tidiness:**

It was reassuring to hear of the hard work of your FÁS worker in relation to maintaining the landscaped areas of the village. Perhaps consideration should be given to providing a more permanent appearing boundary at the Grain Merchants, such as a stone wall or indigenous hedge in beech or hawthorn. Flyposting is a practise which should be discouraged. A derelict cottage between the school and community centre created a bad impression.

### **Residential Areas:**

The adjudicator was pleased to hear of the involvement of local residents in maintaining their own areas. There were a number of new houses on the Wexford Road. Do ensure that new houses are in keeping with the character of the village. The houses opposite the church and pub were magnificently maintained and fresh. A marvellous cottage garden on the Enniscorthy side of the village was admired. More attractive houses on this road looked well.

### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The adjudicator was pleased to see that the roads had been resurfaced last year, and that you are hoping to improve the lighting and paving in the village. The new village nameplates looked extremely well. The Wexford road looked well, although the verges would need cutting soon. It was overgrown opposite the houses. The Enniscorthy road was in a similar condition.

### **General Impression:**

Bree is an attractive Wexford village which is making good progress in the competition. Good luck with your future plans.