

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Camolin**

Ref: **100**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **201**

Category: **B**

Date: **06/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	201	197

Overall Developmental Approach:

The adjudicator was pleased to note the high level of voluntary help you receive from the local community and the support you have garnered from the local businesses. Perhaps, for next year's competition, you could formulate a three to five year work programme. This document need only be a few pages long, outlining your plans and objectives for the town and highlighting problem areas. You should then set a target for achieving these objectives in terms of a timescale for implementation. This document will be helpful to both yourselves and the adjudicators in assessing your progress as the years go by. Perhaps, also for next year's competition, you could consider colour coding your map in order to make it more easily readable for the adjudicator on the day.

The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial premises were generally well cared for on the day. The adjudicator noted a pub that has been renovated. The small post office was extremely fresh, as was the Catholic church, in its extremely prominent location, in the centre of the town. This latter is most attractive in yellow, set back from the street behind some attractive railings. The Church of Ireland church was also very well maintained and is an extremely charming building. Somer's General Store was well maintained - although it might be more appropriate to use a traditional fabric awning, rather than a curved plastic canopy. Plastic signs were a problem in some locations - these should be replaced with signage of a more traditional timber variety. Jack's Tavern looked very fresh in yellow and red and the neat display outside Christy Byrne's was greatly admired. The new school is

extremely well maintained with attractive grounds and a low stone wall to the front. The Pike Inn was quite fresh - perhaps a sign which is in scale with the building would be more appropriate. An old garage on the Dublin side would be an attractive site to develop and Vision's Gift Shop looked quite sweet.

Landscaping:

There were signs of activity, throughout the town, in relation to this category of the competition. New trees had been planted and the timber-framed beds filled with petunias were greatly admired. Some relatively new trees behind the attractive stone wall at the school and pitches was greatly admired, as were the new stone welcome signs at the entrances to the town. Perhaps Lambert's could consider introducing some landscaping to their forecourt area - at the moment it looks quite bare. There were a number of attractive incidental floral displays along the main street, one, in particular, beside a garden with bright red poppies on the Wexford side of the town, was admired.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator was pleased to note that you have provided extra bird boxes and nest boxes throughout the town. Perhaps you could consider getting the local school children involved in making a study of the wildlife habitats in their area, introducing a wild flower garden and / or creating their own wildlife habitat by means of judicious planting.

Litter Control:

The standard in this category of the competition was generally quite reasonable. However, some papers and plastic bottles were noted on the Dublin side of town on the main road. More litter was evident by the pump on the Craanford Road and also behind the attractive dry stone wall at this junction. More litter was evident at the Grove. The adjudicator was pleased to note that you are involving the local children in order to make them more litter conscious. This is to be applauded as early awareness of environmental issues is essential for the future of the planet!

Tidiness:

The standard in this category of the competition was reasonable. The dereliction near the bus stop on the Dublin side of the main street, with its rusty tin sheds and adjacent abandoned houses, is quite unfortunate. Hopefully this site will be developed in due course in a manner that is appropriate to the character of the town. Weed control was generally fine although some weeding was necessary to the base of the walls at the community hall. A rusty shed behind the terraced houses on the Craanford Road should be painted. The village pump should also be painted freshly for next year's competition. Tatty advertising hoardings on approach roads created a bad impression.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was very good. The new Grove housing estate was admired and the adjudicator noted another new estate to be built soon in the vicinity of the Church of Ireland church. The residents associations formed in the estates are obviously very successful, as witnessed by the high standard achieved in these areas. St. Moling's Terrace was as well maintained as ever as was the Orchard with its new trees, stone nameplate and petunias in timber tubs. The recycling areas were very neatly maintained.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition could have been better, as advertising hoardings on both the Wexford and Dublin approach roads create a bad impression and give these approaches to the town a very cluttered appearance. Although the grass verges were neatly cut on the Wexford Road to a certain point, the Dublin side of the town was not as neatly maintained, although the

foxgloves in the verges were admired. In terms of street furniture, the bench in front of the Catholic church should be painted before next year's competition.

General Impression:

Camolin is a busy centre on the main Dublin / Wexford Road. Great efforts have been made over the last number of years and this year was no exception - keep up the good work!