

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Campile**

Ref: **465**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **193**

Category: **B**

Date: **14/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	27
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	28	28
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	190

Overall Developmental Approach:

Campile Area Development Group is one which shows an obvious interest in the village's fascinating history. The adjudicator was disappointed to note your lack of sponsorship from the local community. Hopefully, you can endeavour to garner as much financial and practical support before next year's competition as you can. Campile area five year plan certainly made interesting reading. For next year's competition set a timeframe against the implementation of these projects. The linear park to Dunbrody Bridge will be a marvelous asset to both local and visitor alike, when it is in place. The hydraulic ram water pump should be fascinating and its restoration will be an interesting feat of industrial archaeology!

The Built Environment:

There is rather a lot of dereliction in the village, which creates a bad impression. Kenny's Pub looked rather neglected on the day. Shelbourne Co-op Society is an interesting old building. The hanging baskets to Centra were admired. Some staining was evident beneath the projecting plastic sign to the Village Inn - do discourage the use of projecting plastic signs and curved plastic canopies. These should be replaced with signs of a more traditional timber variety and traditional fabric awnings. The large old garage area in the centre of the village displays remnants of petrol pumps and signage - these should be removed. The Parochial Hall was fine. Hart's Bar was very fresh in yellow and green but the Londis will need painting before next year's competition.

Landscaping:

The standard in this category was rather inconsistent. The large yard area opposite Dunphy's appeared a bit grim with its items of building material. This area is ripe for a landscaping project. Planting on the top of the retaining wall on the Enniscorthy Road looked extremely pretty and the landscaped area to Abbeyview Estate was greatly admired. However, as previously mentioned, there is scope for a lot more effort in this category of the competition.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator was pleased to note you have made contact with Wexford Wildlife and Irish Wetlands and getting a professional survey done. The signage to the recycling area is staining rather badly and should be replaced, and rubbish has been dumped here. Hopefully you will be successful in your efforts to get a more frequent collection. The riverside area looked most attractive, behind its stone wall on the Enniscorthy Road.

Litter Control:

Some papers were evident on the Enniscorthy Road along the Campile River. More was evident along the roadsides from the village to St. James' Villas - particularly in the recessed forecourt areas.

Tidiness:

The dumping at the recycling area has been mentioned previously. Weed control was a problem to kerbsides on the New Ross side of the village. Dereliction is a definite problem - for example an attractive house mentioned later in the report, Kenny's and a roofless building beside the post office.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was also rather inconsistent. A beautifully whitewashed house with bell near the railway bridge was admired, although the adjacent wall appeared to be damaged. The Abbeyview Estate was well maintained. The standard of the houses and boundary walls, etc. in St. James' Villas was rather inconsistent. A magnificent old house on the New Ross side of the village was admired for its unusual features. Unfortunately, it sported broken windows, although the area in front had been landscaped. The gardens of Abbeyview looked quite magnificent and the pansies in its open space were admired, as were the adjacent well kept playing pitches.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Weed control was a problem along the Arthurstown Road. The grass verges had been recently cut back. As you have noted in your application, the road surfaces in and around the village are in bad condition. On the Enniscorthy Road, the verges had been cut by the speed limit sign. This affords the visitor an attractive approach to the village, with the stone wall and river to one side and rocky outcrop to the other. The stream extends along the front of these houses' gardens which makes for a very attractive feature. Valerian and daisies in the hedgerows along the New Ross Road were admired.

General Impression:

Campile is an area which is obviously steeped in industrial and agricultural history. Do try to encourage new shopfronts that are in keeping with those of a traditional Irish country village. Good luck with your future endeavours.

