

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Clonroche**

Ref: **225**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **205**

Category: **B**

Date: **09/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	29
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	33	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	32	33
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	205	203

Overall Developmental Approach:

Clonroche Development Association has a large committee at 30-strong. You appear to have a good level of support from the local community. Hopefully, the help you have received from Wexford County Council is a sign of improved relations with them. The history of the area that you're planning to publish should make interesting reading. Your involvement in the "Nations in Bloom" Competition last year must have been fulfilling.

The Built Environment:

The Glanbia premises closer to the village will need painting before next year's competition. The Garda Station was very fresh. Some more landscaping could be considered at the garage. The sign to An Cloch Ban was quite flaky. The Londis was fine. The Boro Inn was reasonably fresh. The Clonroche Arms was very fresh, as was Greene's drapery and the Post Office. The Health Centre should be painted before next year's competition. The school was well maintained, particularly the trees and grass in the grounds. The boundary wall, however, will need painting before next year. The Community Centre was fine.

Landscaping:

The Millenium Park looked marvellous, with its trees and benches. The colourful bed of petunias to

the side road area, underneath the lime trees, copper beech hedge and new trees, looked well.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The removal of 240 tonnes of rubbish from Healy's Lane is to be highly commended. Perhaps get the local schoolchildren involved in putting together a study of wildlife habitats in their locality. They could draw up an accompanying map. This might be then be incorporated with a nature walk.

Litter Control:

The standard of litter control on the day was very good. However, paper was evident on the New Ross road and more litter was apparent by the school and along Main Street.

Tidiness:

Dereliction is, unfortunately, still a problem in the town. Do encourage the replacement of fencing and railings with indigenous hedging, such as beech or hawthorn or traditional stone walling. Examples of where this might be appropriate would be at Clonroche Engineering, the Furniture Showrooms, Wexford Aluminium and the petrol station. Also, ensure that construction materials are removed once building work is complete. Weed control was a problem at entrances to the derelict houses. The Eircom Substation was extremely grubby. The recycling area was fine, although the bins were scratched.

Residential Areas:

The standard in this category of the competition was somewhat inconsistent. Some houses near An Cloch Ban were not as well maintained as they could have been. Canon Murphy Park was fine with a display of colourful flowers at the entrance. Some of the boundaries were not to the highest of standards. An attractive ivy-clad house in the centre of the town was admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Clonroche is located on the main N30, Enniscorthy to New Ross road, and this has a bearing on this category of the competition. On the Enniscorthy road, the stone welcome stone sign was admired. A hedge on one side of the road looked well-the fence on the other should be replaced with stone walling or indigenous hedging. On the New Ross road it appeared quite rough and overgrown in the area between the town nameplate sign and the speed limit sign. The welcome sign in stone set in a grassy bank was admired.

General Impression:

Clonroche is a busy centre on the main Enniscorthy to New Ross road with all the associated problems of this location. The town has worked hard to overcome these and looked extremely well on adjudication day.