

# Tidy Towns Competition 2003

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Enniscorthy**

Ref: **446**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **219**

Category: **E**

Date: **12/06/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	38	37
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	35	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	25
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>216</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Your three year plan certainly makes interesting reading and your aims and objectives for the next number of years are certainly sensible and practical ones. You have covered each category of the competition - perhaps with next year's copy you could set projected dates for the next number of years rather than just the particular entry year. The historical walking tour is certainly quite eye-opening - Enniscorthy has a lot of famous associations! Well done to all concerned.

### The Built Environment:

Both public and commercial premises of the town were generally well cared for on adjudication day. The old Methodist church is particularly charming and the castle in its prominent location, as one climbs up the hill in the town centre, is quite magnificent. Items of public art ranging in style from the 1798 monument to the very modern bird fountain contribute strongly to this aspect of the competition. The composition of colourful buildings climbing up the hill by the Antique Tavern was really quite magnificent. Ibar Carty's charming shopfront was admired - there are a number of quite colourful ones throughout the town. The post office and Echo Newspaper's buildings in brick - and stone, in the case of the latter - were greatly admired.

### Landscaping:

The Fair Green area is a most attractive space, as is the adjacent stone walled park containing the Duffry gate. The attractive area by the Saddlery by the rivesider, with its overhanging trees, is a most attractive area. The picnic area on the Waterford Road was well maintained.

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

Your work at the Scrub Road is tremendous - congratulations to all concerned. The work by the school children at St. Senan's is also highly commendable, with their vegetable garden and compost bins. A number of fishermen were noted on the bridges of the town, which speaks only too highly of the standards of water quality!

### **Litter Control:**

The standard of litter control on the day was generally quite good, although a light scattering was evident along the main streets of the town and a particularly bad area was the vicinity of the seats at the Fair Green, where a large amount of litter and bottles were noted.

### **Tidiness:**

Generally the town looked quite neat and well presented. The mills-should be restored to their former glory and an empty site by Slaney Fireplaces looked quite unfortunate. Flyposting is an activity which should be actively discouraged. Weed control was a problem to kerbsides on the Waterford Road.

### **Residential Areas:**

Your work in relation to the competitions for estates and gardens is highly commendable. Houses in the town centre and along approach roads were generally well cared for, as indeed were the large number of estates around the town. The attractive terrace of rendered houses with brick surrounds on the Waterford Road looked quite charming. However, a sea of red roofs on this approach look quite out of place in an Irish country town - the use of traditional materials such as slate should be actively encouraged.

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

The Dublin Road affords the traveller a magnificent view of the town opening out below. However, there are a number of advertising hoardings, a practice which should be discouraged. It was quite overgrown by the town nameplate on this road and a number of weeds were also evident at kerbsides. Along the Wexford Road, the verges had been cut back and the grassy banks beyond allowed to grow somewhat more naturally - this is an approach which works extremely well. Along the Waterford Road it was quite weedy in the vicinity of the bridge and, further in, to kerbsides along this road. The welcome sign was rather flaky. This approach affords the visitor a magnificent view across the river to the hospital on the far bank.

### **General Impression:**

Enniscorthy is a busy and vibrant town with much to offer both resident and visitor alike! It looked well cared for on adjudication day.