

Tidy Towns Competition 2003

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Oylegate**

Ref: **672**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **197**

Category: **B**

Date: **09/07/2003**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2003	Mark Awarded 2002
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	33	33
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	197	192

Overall Developmental Approach:

Oylegate Tidy Towns Committee seems rather small given the town's population. You should endeavour to enlist more members to help you in your work. You mention that you receive very little help from the local community. Do try to involve those in the new housing estates in taking an interest in their new home.

The Built Environment:

The school looked very fresh in peach colour with darker coloured trims. The Garda Station was very fresh, as was the Slaney Inn. Sue's Diner was fresh, but some papers were evident outside. Freeman's Post Office was well maintained.

Landscaping:

The trees planted opposite the school was admired. Perhaps you could consider introducing some to the school grounds to soften the bare effect somewhat. An abundance of permanent planting on the main Enniscorthy to Wexford road looked very well. Saint David's Well looked marvellous with some magnificent landscaping. It is obvious that great care is taken of its presentation.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The adjudicator would like to reiterate the comments made in last year's report, in this category. These suggestions were the designation of a wildlife area in the school grounds - perhaps a wildflower garden - and to seek the help of a wildlife officer from Dúchas (or its replacement) to advise you on the maintenance of existing local wildlife habitats.

Litter Control:

You mention in your application that you have a litter pick-up every second day. Perhaps a daily pick-up would be more appropriate. Some papers were visible on the Ballymurn Road near the crossroads and further along this road. More was evident along the main road, particularly outside the diner. Litter on the road to St David's Well appeared to have been there from some time.

Tidiness:

Weed control was a problem on the day - some were evident at the concrete fence opposite the school. Weeds were also a problem at the single storey houses on the road leading to the Holy Well and at the car park area opposite the school. There was a large hoarding in place with a number of posters on it - it should be removed! The green bins needed hosing down.

Residential Areas:

Some attractive houses and gardens on the Ballymurn Road were admired, but some had weedy forecourt areas. New houses were evident to both sides of road. Do ensure that any new developments are in keeping with the village's character.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

On the Ballymurn Road, there appeared to be a speed limit sign but no village nameplate. This is a long lead into the village - the grass banks had been cut back. On the main Enniscorthy to Wexford Road, the verges were well maintained with displays of permanent planting. The road to St David's Well appeared rather overgrown.

General Impression:

Oylegate generally looked attractive and well maintained on adjudication day.