

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Tramore**

Ref: **271**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **232**

Category: **E**

Date: **26/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	34	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	28	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	32	31
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	232	226

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for the information sent with the entry form and the map which was most useful on adjudication day. In a town the size of Tramore your small committee of eight is doing excellent work which together with that being accomplished by Tramore Town Council and Waterford County Council was very evident on adjudication day. It is indeed gratifying to read that you continue to have the support of SuperValu for your efforts. As mentioned last year, your Committee are doing very good work in their capacity as monitors of what is taking place, but do also try to identify where, throughout Tramore, additional environmental projects could be carried out under the general headings of the Tidy Towns Competition, e.g. landscaping, general tidiness, the condition of residential areas and roads, streets and back areas. In this connection, your work with Waterford County Council on Sli na Slainte is to be commended. Most centres are now producing a three/five year plan in an attempt to identify such areas of opportunity and it is recommended that Tramore would do the same. This need not necessarily be elaborate and could be done in conjunction with your Local Council and other possible interested agencies such as FAS, LEADER, County Development Board, etc. Such a plan is sometimes needed to stimulate activity beyond the excellent work which your Local Authorities are doing. In the event, perhaps you will send a copy of the plan with your entry form next year so that the Adjudicator can have sight of it.

The Built Environment:

All public buildings were again visited this year - both Churches, the Garda Station, Fire Station,

Library, Post Office, the new Civic Offices, The Life Guard Station, Community Centre, Credit Union and the Coast Guard Station. All were very nicely presented and reflect great credit on those involved with them. The Coast Guard Station development is a very fine project and a wonderful use of an old building. Commercial premises throughout the town including those on the Prom looked very well and great credit is due to their owners for the manner in which they are being maintained.

Landscaping:

There has been a noticeable improvement under this heading in Tramore this year. Landscaping on the Waterford approach is indeed to be admired. The very nice linear Park on this road, while being well maintained, has been overshadowed by the erection of an enormous EU Sign which, together with other signage, has somewhat obliterated its view from visitors approaching the town. Tramore is fortunate to have three Grottos, all of which looked very nice on adjudication day. A particular mention must be made of the one at the corner of Kennedy Park and Marian Terrace, as indeed must the landscaping there, which reflects great credit on local residents and those involved in its upkeep. The landscaping here could be put forward as an example to other centres as to how the older type estate should be maintained. Congratulations to all concerned. Landscaping in Tramore House looked very nice. Unfortunately, on adjudication day, there was some rubbish and litter dumped in the Lake. Landscaping on the back road to Dungarvan, in the vicinity of the Golf Club, also looked very well and is maturing nicely. The cutting of the Hedge along the coast road was much admired as indeed was the lamp standards opposite the Majestic Hotel. A lovely presentation exists in Peter Street and Gallaways Hill. All of this together with, where presented, containerised planting, window boxes, tubs of flowers and hanging baskets, creates a very nice atmosphere in the town. Tramore has an enormous amount of housing estates, too numerous to mention. As many as possible were visited and, in general, open spaces are being very well maintained and reflect a great credit on the residents. Street furniture, where presented, and particularly along the Prom is also being very well maintained and created a nice atmosphere in that area. The roundabout on the main road is much improved this year as indeed is the general appearance of the open spaces in its vicinity. However, the roundabout at Moonvoy looked very weedy and needed attention.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Comments made under this heading last year are still applicable. Do try to identify a project which you could carry out or could be taken on board by another group. Perhaps something could be done in the vicinity of the Donerail Walk or indeed in some of the new housing estates or school grounds. Perhaps there is someone locally who is knowledgeable on this subject who might develop such a project with you.

Litter Control:

In general litter control, particularly in the centre of the town, is being well attended to. Some minor littering was to be seen on side roads. Unfortunately, however, substantial littering was to be seen on Newtown Hill and in Marine Drive and in the vicinity of the Bus Depot. The beach appeared to be in a very good condition and the County Council Dump appears to be very professionally controlled. With the one exception all the housing estates visited were litter free. Well done to all concerned.

Tidiness:

For a busy centre, the town looked very nice and was presented in a neat and tidy manner. As last year, the beach, promenade, car parks and open spaces continue to be well maintained and reflects greatly on the obvious interest that your Local Authority, local businesses and residents have in the preservation of their living environment. With the bypass road and the amount of house building that is going on in Tramore, there is a certain element of untidiness, but this will pass in time and, in the event, has been allowed for in the adjudication.

Residential Areas:

Comments made under this heading last year are still applicable. Tramore appears to be expanding year by year which, for example, will eventually put the maintenance of large open spaces beyond the control of the voluntary effort. The formation of Residents Associations will indeed help towards alleviating this problem and, in general, will create a climate amongst the residents for the upkeep of their estates. As already stated, many housing estates in the town were visited, both old and new and in general they are being very well maintained. Some very nice landscaping was to be seen throughout the estates and this should be encouraged. Try, where possible, to influence the planting of trees and shrubs which would give some colour on an all year round basis. Trees planted in Tramore in the past now look very well particularly, for example, along Priest Road. Try to encourage new planting. Posterity will thank you for it.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads in general were well presented and particular mention has been made of the coast road and the approach from Waterford. Continue to encourage your Local Authority to trim the hedgerows. The appearance of approach roads is very important in the competition as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the centre. Road surfaces have improved since last year and pathways are being well maintained. All of this reflects great credit on your Local Authority.

General Impression:

Not unlike last year, it would appear that there is a need to stimulate a greater interest in your activities amongst the general public. Tramore looks very nice and as a tourist resort, has a very welcoming atmosphere. However, the huge expansion of the town may present environmental problems in the future and these should be planned for now, in line with your own thoughts, those of your Local Authority and public opinion in general. Litter, for example could become a major problem as could the maintenance of the enormous amount of open spaces, road surfaces, pathways and the beach. They are only suggestions but, in the event, could become part of your planning and/or items of importance when discussing the future of Tramore. Excellent work is being done at present and all concerned are to be congratulated. As already mentioned, look at the various headings of the competition and see what projects you might carry out in the future which would be instrumental in gaining you additional marks. In the meantime, keep up the good work.