

# Tidy Towns Competition 2004

## Adjudication Report

Centre: **Bree**

Ref: **643**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **207**

Category: **A**

Date: **10/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	21	20
Litter Control	40	34	31
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	19
General Impression	10	8	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>198</b>

### Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with the entry form, for the plan and for the map, all of which were most useful on adjudication day. Your plan is indeed very ambitious and you are to be congratulated on this. You are also very wise in setting out the various projects per year as it is a mistake to try to do too much in any given year. Success in the competition is not achieved overnight, so therefore always try to work in any given year within your physical and financial resources and drawing on those who can render valuable assistance to you as indeed at present are Wexford County Council, WORD, FAS and, of course, your local community. Perhaps for next year you might indicate on the plan where specific projects have taken place for 2005 so that the adjudicator can have actual sight of them. You received an in-depth report from the adjudicator last year. The following therefore are by way of comment on further perceived progress to date and should be read in tandem with last year's report.

### The Built Environment:

Your lovely Church and its surroundings were a joy to behold. The Community Centre is in excellent condition and the new graveyard is being very well maintained. Bree does not have very many commercial premises but those that are there were presented in a very nice manner and added greatly to the overall appearance of the village. The school is being very well maintained also. These buildings are a major strength in your Tidy Towns effort and all concerned are to be congratulated.

## **Landscaping:**

Yours progressive tree planting was noted and is to be encouraged. Trees are for the future and posterity will thank you for them. The lovely attractive flower beds, your beautifully kept open spaces, the plantation and sculpture opposite Knocknagross houses create a lovely ambience in the village. All are being very well maintained and great credit is due to those concerned.

## **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

Your continued efforts in this regard were seen and noted and hopefully further additions will be made for next year.

## **Litter Control:**

The village was completely free of litter on adjudication day. This reflects great credit on your community.

## **Tidiness:**

While some of the comments made in last year's report may still be applicable the village, nevertheless, was presented in a very neat and tidy manner and again reflects great credit on your FAS workers and your community who obviously have a tremendous interest in the preservation of their environment. Well done to all concerned.

## **Residential Areas:**

Individual houses in the village are being well maintained. Many had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day which were a joy to behold. This type of individual effort is absolutely essential if you are to have success in the competition. The ideal, which you appear to have, is that local residents look after their own specific areas in terms of open spaces, flower planting, tree planting etc. and certainly the housing estates at Knocknagross and Hillview reflect this.

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

Road surfaces are quite good and approach roads are well presented with evidence of strimming and grass cutting to be seen on adjudication day. Your comments under this heading are noted and the adjudicator looks forward to seeing further progress next year.

## **General Impression:**

Bree is a lovely village and you must be very proud of it. Further progress in the competition will revolve around planning and attention to detail. In this respect, you are heading in the right direction. Keep up the good work. The adjudicator looks forward to returning to Bree again next year to see further progress and to enjoy the surroundings.