

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Campile**

Ref: **645**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **198**

Category: **B**

Date: **12/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	25	25
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	23	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	198	193

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information supplied with the entry form and for the maps which were most useful on adjudication day. Your five year plan is very ambitious and your committee is to be congratulated on its undertaking. However, as mentioned by the adjudicator last year, you should really try to identify what can be done on a year to year basis within your physical and financial resources. In this respect, it is again disappointing to note that there is no local sponsorship for your efforts other than the grant from Wexford County Council. It would almost appear that local residents are not interested in your efforts but you should not allow this to be a cause of frustration. In environmental terms, there is a good deal to be done in Campile which will only be achieved through careful planning and attention to detail. You received an in-depth report from the adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on perceived progress this year but should be read in tandem with last year's report.

The Built Environment:

Campile is unique in the amount of substantial commercial premises which exist right in the centre of the village which apparently has had the tendency to push residential accommodation to the outskirts. This kind of monopoly brings with it the problems of scale in terms of maintenance and many of the problems in this respect were mentioned in last year's report under this heading. Side by side with a great deal of dereliction many commercial premises look very well. Others perhaps could do with some refurbishment and a coat of paint. Perhaps as part of your five year plan you

might consider the employment of a colour consultant who could advise local commercial premises in particular on appropriate colour schemes for their premises. In the past paint manufacturers provided such a service. Perhaps it is still the case. In terms of existing dereliction you should consult with Wexford County Council who, under the Derelict Sites Act, have the power to approach the owners with a view to improving and maintaining their premises.

Landscaping:

The comments made by last year's adjudicator are still applicable. Some flowers, shrubs and tree planting does exist but part of your planning should be the identification of other areas where similar developments can be carried out with the emphasis perhaps on trees and shrubs which would give some colour on an all year round basis. The area around the stream on the Enniscorthy Road looks very well and is a lovely addition to the village. The boat display at Horeswood Parochial Hall is completely overgrown and unsightly and should be removed. Landscaping on the Enniscorthy Road is very attractive as is the landscaped area at the Abbeyview Estate.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading have been noted and hopefully these contacts will be instrumental in providing a wildlife facility in the village.

Litter Control:

Campile was practically litter free on adjudication day. Unfortunately, there was some evidence of minor littering on the Enniscorthy Road and near the river there. This is an important part of the competition and needs constant monitoring.

Tidiness:

In spite of the huge amount of trade which takes place in the centre of the village it was, nevertheless, presented in a neat and tidy manner which reflects great credit on the commercial premises concerned. Open storage is a problem which will be very difficult to overcome.

Residential Areas:

Many individual houses look exceptionally well. Others are somewhat inconsistent. In that respect the comments made by last year's adjudicator still apply. On adjudication day many houses had some beautiful gardens which were a joy to behold. Particularly admired was the one at the railway bridge and those on the Enniscorthy Road. This reflects great credit on your residents and their involvement is an important part of the competition – you cannot succeed without it.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

With the exception of the Enniscorthy Road approach roads do not appear to have been strimmed and were very unsightly. Road surfaces are reasonably good and pathways, in the main, appear to be well maintained. Adjudication in the competition normally takes place from the village nameplate signs or the speed limit signs, whichever you opt for and approach roads should be strimmed from there on in. The appearance of the roads is very important as it tends to set the tone for the rest of the village.

General Impression:

As the adjudicator said last year, Campile is steeped in industrial and agricultural history - the Shelbourne Co-Operative and Glanbia being classic modern day examples. Nevertheless, there is a great opportunity to enhance the environment and your committee appear to be intent on doing

this. Careful planning will be called for and you should do this in conjunction with your local authority, FAS, WORD and indeed any other agencies which may be able and willing to help. Keep up the good work and the adjudicator looks forward to returning to Campile again next year to see further progress made.