

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Enniscorthy**

Ref: **266**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **223**

Category: **E**

Date: **16/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	38
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	36	35
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	26	26
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	22	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	223	219

Overall Developmental Approach:

Thank you indeed for all the information sent with entry form and your development plan all of which was most useful on adjudication day. As well as all the signs of good planning it is encouraging to read that you continue to have the support of FAS, Enniscorthy Town Council, Chamber of Commerce, local businesses, schools and Residence Associations for your efforts. Your plan looks quite manageable the secret being to do as much as you can in any given year within your physical and financial resources. You received an in-depth report from the adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on perceived further progress this year and should be read in tandem with that report.

The Built Environment:

Enniscorthy is very fortunate in having quite a number of prominent public buildings such as the County Museum, St Aidan's Cathedral, '98 Centre, the Old Methodist Church, Post Office, Garda Station, Library and Fire Station all of which were very well presented on adjudication day. The presentation of the '98 Memorial in front of the County Council Building was much admired. The centre of the town is also being well maintained and the fountain is a lovely feature. Commercial premises look well. Some perhaps could do with refurbishment but, in general, shop fronts and commercial offices are being well maintained.

Landscaping:

The landscaping of the river bank is very nice indeed particularly in the area of the Riverside Hotel, as was the Fair Green and Slaney View Park. New tree planting was noted. This is to be encouraged as well as the planting of trees and shrubs which will give some colour on an all year round basis. The planting of trees is very much for the future and posterity will thank you for it. Most open spaces around the town are being well kept and the children's playground is a nice addition.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your comments under this heading were noted and indeed some very nice swans were to be seen on the river on adjudication day. The River Slaney is an ideal location for such projects the extension of which will greatly enhance the attraction and appearance of the river.

Litter Control:

In general, litter control was quite good. However the area around the Recycling Bins at the top of the town has become very untidy and was literally an eyesore on adjudication day. Extensive litter was also to be seen on the slipway to the river opposite the AIB Bank and in some side streets.

Tidiness:

In general, for town of its size, it was presented in a neat and tidy manner and reflects greatly on the interest which, in particular, your commercial premises have in the preservation of their environment. This is to be encouraged and is an important part of the competition.

Residential Areas:

Comments made under this heading in last year's report still generally apply. Individual residences and those in housing estates are being well maintained and many had some lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day which was very nice to see. This kind of support is very important in the competition, you cannot succeed without it. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

While many of the comments made in last years report, particularly with regard to weeding, still apply, nevertheless main approach roads from New Ross, Dublin and Wexford were well presented. Road surfaces are good and pathways are being well maintained. The condition of approach roads is very important as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the centre. The roundabout on the Dublin Road was much admired and could be well copied by other centres.

General Impression:

Overall, Enniscorthy is coming on very nicely in the competition. A lot still remains to be done particularly in the area of litter control. Maintenance will also be important in the future. The centre has very many open spaces and a good deal of landscaping which will need constant attention. The adjudicator looks forward to returning to Enniscorthy again next year to see what further progress has been made. In the meantime keep up the good work.