

Tidy Towns Competition 2004

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Oylegate**

Ref: **351**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **200**

Category: **B**

Date: **17/06/2004**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2004	Mark Awarded 2003
Overall Developmental Approach	50	25	25
The Built Environment	40	29	29
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	34	33
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	200	197

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your small committee is doing excellent work and Oylegate looked very nice on adjudication day. While the village is comparatively small you should, nevertheless, try to identify by way of a 1/3 year plan what future projects might be carried out under the different headings of the competition. In doing this, you should enlist the support of your Local Authority and, of course, your residents. This need not be an elaborate plan but a simple listing on a yearly basis of projects which you could undertake within your physical and financial resources. In the event, the Adjudicator would welcome an opportunity of seeing this plan when submitting your entry next year. You received an in depth report from the adjudicator last year. The following therefore is by way of comment on perceived further progress to date and should be read in tandem with that report.

The Built Environment:

Commercial premises again looked well this year as did the School, Post Office and Garda Station.

Landscaping:

Open spaces are being well looked after and the continuous planting on the Enniscorty Wexford Road is indeed a very attractive idea. The boat display is very nice and tubs of flowers and containerised planting, where provided, created a very nice atmosphere throughout the village. St. David's Well

was very nicely presented again this year and is a great credit to all concerned.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

It is noted that you do not appear to have undertaken a project under this heading this year. Initially, could it be suggested that you might get you school children involved in initiating a wildlife project which could be as simple as a provision of nesting boxes and feeding tables in the school grounds. Perhaps a wildlife board could also be provided. In the event, do consult with some local knowledgeable person on this subject or Duchas.

Litter Control:

Oylegate was practically litter free on adjudication day. This reflects great credit on your committee and your local support and everybody concerned is to be congratulated. It is an important aspect of the competition which needs constant monitoring.

Tidiness:

While some of the comments made under this heading last year may still be applicable, Oylegate, nevertheless, was presented in a very neat and tidy manner. This reflects greatly the interest which your commercial premises and your local residents have in the preservation of their environment and all concerned are to be congratulated.

Residential Areas:

Houses in Oylegate are being very well maintained and reflect great credit on their owners; many had lovely gardens in full bloom on adjudication day which were a joy to see and added greatly to the overall ambience of the village. This type of individual support is absolutely essential if you are to gain any success in the competition. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads from Wexford and Enniscorthy are very nicely presented with evidence of verges being cut in recent times. Road surfaces are in very good condition and pathways are being well maintained. The side roads to Ballymurn and to St. David's Well did not quite meet these standards. This is an important aspect of the competition as the condition of approach roads tend to set the tone for the rest of the centre.

General Impression:

Oylegate obviously has a very serious traffic problem, but nevertheless looked very attractive on adjudication day. This reflects great credit on your committee and indeed on Wexford County Council. Success in the competition, however depends on planning and attention to detail hence the suggestion regarding the production of a simple plan which would also be a measurement of how you are progressing with your objectives on a year to year basis. However do bear in mind that maintenance of what already exist is also equally important and must not be overlooked. Keep up the good work.