

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Fenor**

Ref: **82**

County: **Waterford**

Mark: **235**

Category: **A**

Date: **04/08/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	26	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	29	28
Litter Control	40	36	34
Tidiness	20	18	18
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	33	32
General Impression	10	8	8
TOTAL MARK	300	235	226

Overall Developmental Approach:

Wonderful work and high level of maintenance has again been carried out in Fenor this year and reflects greatly on the support which you are getting locally, from Waterford County Council, FAS, Waterford LEADER and Copper Coast Tourism. The information you sent with the entry form makes most interesting reading all of which was strengthened by visits to the specific sites mentioned. The approach set out in your development plan 2005-2009 is the correct one. Success in the Tidy Towns Competition is achieved by identifying on a year to year basis what you can do within your physical and financial resources. Your plan is a classic example of this.

The Built Environment:

The work which you have carried out on your walls and on your car parking greatly enhances the overall appearance and facilities of the village. The walls on the Tramore approach road in particular are exceptional and reflects great credit on all concerned. The Church, Parochial House, School and GAA Park Hall looked well again this year with high level of maintenance evident. The cemetery and Church surrounds are being well kept with evidence of work in progress to be seen on adjudication day. The school grounds also look well. Car parks throughout the village also reflect a high level of maintenance.

Landscaping:

The flower display on the Tramore road is lovely. Landscaping throughout the village is to be greatly admired and tree and shrubs planted in the past are now creating a wonderful atmosphere. Where possible do continue on with the planting of trees and shrubs which has been started this year with a preference for those which will give you some colour on an all year around basis. While the planting of flowers is not discouraged- trees and shrubs are more easily maintained.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Thank you indeed for all the information submitted on Fenor Bog. This wonderful amenity has improved by leaps and bounds over the years and must now be one of the major attractions in the locality. As requested the project will be put forward this year for either the Heritage or Wildlife Award. The completed boardwalk is a wonderful achievement as indeed are the whole surrounding of the project which is a unique one in County Waterford

Litter Control:

Fenor was again this year litter free on adjudication day. For this great credit is due to your litter patrol and to your community in general who are obviously very conscious of the preservation of their environment

Tidiness:

The village was, once again, presented in a very neat and tidy manner. Some building work is taking place which can be disruptive but this will pass and has be allowed for in the adjudication.

Residential Areas:

A high standard of maintenance prevails throughout the village in terms of individual houses which reflects greatly on their owners. Lovely gardens were again in full bloom on adjudication day which contributed greatly to Fenors overall appearance. This type of individual effort is absolutely essential in a small center. You cannot succeed in the Tidy Towns Competition without it. Well done to all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Approach roads are being nicely presented but, in some cases, could do with some strimming. This is an important aspect of the competition as the appearance of the approach roads tends to set the tone for the rest of the village. As this needs to be monitored constantly it is perhaps an area where your FAS workers can become involved. In general road surfaces and pathways are being well maintained and great credit must go to your Local Authority for this.

General Impression:

Between planting, painting, wall preservation and building, the development of the Fenor Bog and indeed your attention to litter and tidiness, tremendous work has again been done in Fenor this year. As mentioned above and, indeed in your plan, try to do a certain amount each year but also bear in mind that the maintenance of what you have is equally important. You have a lovely village – one that could do extremely well in the competition.

Second Round Adjudication:

The trimmed banks and hedges created a good first impression on the Tramore approach, also the well presented Failte signs. Good attention to detail in places such as the waterpump is to be strived for throughout. There is a little inconsistence at present such as the marked contrast between exceptional gardens and those undeveloped. The Church grounds and Kielys restaurant were particularly admired. Fenor Bog is indeed a most exciting project. We look forward to returning next year.