

Tidy Towns Competition 2006

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Piltown** Ref: **299**
County: **Kilkenny** Mark: **240**
Category: **B** Date(s): **01/07/2006**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2006
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	31
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	30
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	17
Residential Areas	40	27
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	34
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	240

Overall Development Approach:

Piltown is welcome to the 2006 National Tidy Towns Competition; thank you for your submission which included a planned work programme together with a good clear map. Piltown is located on the N24 and so suffers with all the difficulties with high volumes of through traffic; the community however appears to be overcoming this problem as is evident in the overall appearance of the village.

The Built Environment:

A number of attractive shop fronts one of these being Anthonys Inn and the Centra premises. Public buildings were nicely presented also the school, church, and Garda station being the most important of these. Work in progress on roads was noted at the time of adjudication which made a definitive assessment of your village impractical so in this context we look forward to next years presentation and assessment.

Landscaping:

The two specimen fir trees in the grounds of the church were especially admired and it is noted that stands of mature trees are a wonderful feature of Piltown and its environs. Verges of approach roads were neatly presented and young trees planted on beautiful grass verges on all entrances to Piltown appeared to have established themselves well. Flower displays were admired for their colour, profuseness and strategic locations.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Well done on your river walk and the wildlife present here, this is a fine development for the community to have, the entrance to the sport ground was admired as too was its driveway and its boundary walls. Has an overall survey of the wildlife of the river and the woodland area on its banks been undertaken?, if so we would

like to know more about it and this should be published to heighten awareness, if not maybe this could be taken on as a project for the future.

Litter Control:

A number of weak spots were noted in the village in terms of litter control, the road to the housing estate Kildalton Close and Hillcrest Avenue was littered mostly with plastic drinks bottles and the centre of the village was quite littered also. These incidences were not heavy litter other than this, which is why you have achieved quite a good mark under this heading, however if this standard was to be repeated next year you might find yourself losing marks.

Waste Minimisation:

Well done on your attractive presentation of your recycling point which featured good enclosure, mature shrubbery and excellent sign posting from the main road. To perform to a high standard under this heading it will be necessary to identify ways of minimising the amount of waste produced by various sectors of the community, Your Race Against Waste booklet is full of ideas on how to proceed.

Tidiness:

A very untidy weedy back area located between the Glanbia premises and the main road was noted at the time of adjudication. Building sites of course generate a certain amount of untidiness however allowances have been made for this together with the work in progress on the main street. Weedy footpaths were a feature of the entrance from the northern approach road however other footpaths were quite well presented in this regard. The car park of Anthony's Inn was a little untidy also.

Residential Areas:

Neatly maintained hedgerow forming the boundaries of many residences were noted through out a case in point being the hedgerow located across from the school. Grass roadside areas to boundary walls was an attractive feature on the Carrick on Suir road a number of gardens were beautifully designed and in full bloom and admired for such, we note continual work on a number of residential developments.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Some road signs either need to be refurbished or simply cleaned. The height barrier marking the entrance to the curtilage area of the community centre could be replaced with something more attractive. New stretches of road are nicely surfaced and indeed the road surface through out the village are quite good as are footpaths. A good overall presentation under this heading.

General Impression:

Considering construction work in progress at the time of adjudication Piltown was attractively presented and enjoys some very fine features we look forward to repeat visits at cessation of construction work.