

Tidy Towns Competition 2007

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Eadestown** Ref: **101**
County: **Kildare** Mark: **199**
Category: **A** Date(s): **25/06/2007**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2007
Overall Development Approach	50	25
The Built Environment	50	25
Landscaping	50	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	20
Litter Control	50	27
Waste Minimisation	20	10
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	25
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	199

Overall Development Approach:

Eadestown is welcome to the 2007 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for this year's submission which includes your new plan and other support material such as a copy of your yearly publication the The Annagaul. We wish you every success in the implementation of your plan. Your participation in seminars organised by the County Council and by KELT together with events by the GAA and the Pastoral Council shows a good standard of community involvement. Well done also on your newsletter and the booklet concerning your three year plan. It is good to note that the school has a Green Flag Programme and designated officer. The village enjoys an excellent setting in lush scenic countryside and entrances, especially the entrance from the Blessington Road features an attractive stand of trees.

The Built Environment:

The Roman Catholic Church looked especially well and we note that it has been recently painted together with its perimeter wall including the Grotto. The premises across from the church with the Coopers Dip sign looked well also. We anticipate a positive result regarding the proposed complete overhaul of the Captain Tickle monument which is a wonderful feature to have in the village centre; the three tiers for drinking for dogs, horses and humans are particularly interesting. It is good to note your awareness of the need to ensure that new development will be complementary to the character of your rural village.

Landscaping:

Eadestown must look beautiful in spring with its daffodil bulbs along embankments. Seasonal planting in tubs is acknowledged also. The most attractive feature of the village under this heading are your wide grass margins, young trees and the appropriate placing of container plants along the main road. We note your

proposal for further landscaping at the church overflow car park and at the community centre and graveyard together with further planting for the church grounds and wish you every success in this endeavour; do try to keep planting in public places native as this is supportive of wildlife.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Local wildflowers should be identified on the display panel; at the time of adjudication flowers did not feature along the embankment. No doubt you are aware of the correct mowing regime in order to encourage the blossoming of wildflowers. An interpretative panel might also be provided for other wildlife in the area, Eadestown is rich in woodland habitats within its environs, perhaps a wildlife trail or walk or brochure or other suitable display medium could be provided. The graveyard is neat and attractively presented and the sports grounds look well also. We look forward to the completion of your planned wildlife projects such as the wildflower garden.

Litter Control:

Litter control was very good at the time of adjudication, well done. No doubt you're weekly litter pick-ups, your representation to the school authority, and your community participation in the National Spring Clean all contribute to the litter free appearance to Eadestown. Your proposal to carry out a litter survey is appropriate in order to eliminate the problem completely by attacking it at its root. Good luck with the provision of additional litter bins also. No doubt collected litter is segregated given that the school has Green Flag status.

Waste Minimisation:

Congratulations to the school for its Green Flag status and to the students for extending the programme and working towards a second Green Flag.

A significant increase in marks has been awarded under this heading; this has been due to your Green Flag programme and for your plan to minimise your waste production and compost organic waste collected locally, congratulations. We wish you well in the identification of an appropriate site for a recycling facility for Eadestown. Your leaflet on composting is an excellent initiative and should do a lot to heighten awareness on the need for waste reduction.

Tidiness:

A good standard has been achieved under this heading also and we note your weed management programme and improvements to the graveyard. We wish you every success in your negotiations with the county council for the presentation and cleaning of road signage and acknowledge your ongoing efforts to encourage property owners to maintain the appearance of their premises, curtelege areas, entrances etc. The overall appearance of the village is one of tidiness.

Residential Areas:

The Caureen View estate enjoys good maintenance, gardens throughout are attractive and boundary walls are presented to a high standard also. We look forward to the provision of name stones for all estates both existing and planned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Poor roadside edges were a feature of Eadestown, however it is acknowledged the committee cannot do anything about this on their own and need the cooperation of the council. The church car park is in need of resurfacing however the attractive roadside boundary here was admired. The name stone looks well but should be complemented with name plates.

General Impression:

Eadestown has the appearance of a village which enjoys excellent community spirit particularly in relation to the care and attention given to their home place.