

Tidy Towns Competition 2008

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Poulpeasty** Ref: **265**
County: **Wexford** Mark: **242**
Category: **A** Date(s): **04/07/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	27
The Built Environment	50	34
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	19
Litter Control	50	38
Waste Minimisation	20	2
Tidiness	30	18
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	31
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	400	242

Overall Development Approach:

Thank you very much for the competed application and the excellent sketch map of your lovely village. It was this adjudicator's first visit to this picturesque and idyllic "twin" village of Poulpeasty hidden away off the beaten track.

The Committee of nine has helped to instil a strong pride of place ethos in the local community as what you have achieved to date has to be admired.

Good relationship with Wexford County Council has benefitted the village as quite a lot of infrastructural improvements like new lighting and car parking has made a positive difference to the core area around the Church and exceptionally well presented school.

It is noted that the Committee has fostered strong links with the school through the Board of Management and the Principle

It would be worthwhile if you put a 3 year simple work plan in place as it would help focus on key actions within given timescales.

The Built Environment:

The RC Church is a fine example of Irish ecclesiastical architecture unfortunately the surrounding railings were rusty and need to be treated properly with an anti rust solution prior to re painting.

The pre emancipation church at the twin Pouleasty has been put to good use for the benefit of the community and is being refurbished at present.

The Parochial House across the road certainly gets one attention because its size and it's expansive and well maintained front garden.

The historical monument commemorating the 1798 priest Fr Phillip Roche was well presented and clean well done to the people of the parish who are responsible for its upkeep.

The National School, which is of relative new vintage, was in premium condition with the surrounding grounds complemented by some excellent landscaping and housing an excellent wildlife notice board which will be commented upon in later section.

The new lighting and fencing at car parking area down from the church is a big addition to that core of that part of the village.

The new graveyard is well laid out and maintained and no doubt that it will be maintained to this high standard in years ahead.

Landscaping:

The standard of landscaping from individual arrangements, the use of native trees like popular and the use of hedging especially down the Community Centre was top class.

It was good to see variegated popular and copper beech prosper so well.

Some individual properties especially the farmstead near the said community centre has magnificent displays of popular and unique perennials and shrubs.

A section of the public planting, with nice link chains, situated across from the farmhouse has been nominated for a landscape award.

Well done to all and sundry for such an attractive display of landscaping it deserves an increase in marking on previous years.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The new information notice board designed and produced by Eileen Lambert – with a name like Lambert one presumes that she is local- was one of the best observed by this adjudicator in the years adjudicating all over the country.

Congratulations to Ms Lambert and to the school children of 4th Class for this magnificent depiction of various forms of local wildlife and full marks also for the recognition of the Irish language.

Do build on this in the years ahead by initiating additional projects with the school children.

Litter Control:

Litter control was very good on the day in question which was pre the week end.

You are at an advantage that there are no obvious spots for the congregation of people unless you include church services Sat and Sunday.

That said it is important that you as a committee keep the message of good litter control in to the forefront at all times.

Waste Minimisation:

Your efforts to become involved and embrace the ethos of waste minimisation have been taken into account and an increase in marking will ensue.

Do consult the Race Against Waste booklet, the website of the same name and if you want to do additional projects make contact with the Environmental Officer of WexfordCC.

Involving the school children in any future projects is a must and they are now buoyed up by the success of the Information Notice board in the school grounds.

Tidiness:

The roadside verges were nice and tidy within both parts of the village and the external entrances were maintained to a very acceptable standard.

The weather was not conducive to good weed control the exact opposite in fact but you have made sure that this problem does not get out of control.

Boundary walls, farm entrances and gates were all well up to the standard expected in this category.

Residential Areas:

The village is in reality the main residential area and as was stated in last years report there is few enough homesteads in the main core areas.

The wonderfully kept farmstead near the old church now a community gathering place has been already mentioned.

The remainder certainly deserve praise for the manner in which they have maintained and enhanced properties with colourful landscaping options.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

It was easy enough to find the village of Poulpeasty for a complete newcomer to the area which suggests that the signposting was more than adequate.

The adjudicator approached off the N30 and exited indirectly! into Clonroche and was impressed with the quality of maintained verges if not altogether with the standard of road surfacing which is not your problem. You as a committee has been in constant communication with Wexford CC on different matters with more than a little success in getting things done but do lobby your local public representatives to have a resurfacing job done on the immediate roads into the village.

General Impression:

It was so pleasant to visit a tranquil place as Poulpeasty and to see what a small community can achieve, for this you are to be congratulated.

The committee has linked well with the local authority and has succeeded in getting some very important infrastructural improvements done in the last few years.

Annual maintenance to flower and shrub beds is often arduous but necessary and you have succeeded in doing this.

Well done and the best of good wishes in the years ahead.