

# Tidy Towns Competition 2008

## *Adjudication Report*

Centre: **Rosslare** Ref: **258**  
County: **Wexford** Mark: **268**  
Category: **C** Date(s): **03/07/2008**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2008
Overall Development Approach	50	39
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	40
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	28
Litter Control	50	39
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	20
Residential Areas	40	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	28
General Impression	10	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>268</b>

### **Overall Development Approach:**

The adjudicator would like to welcome Rosslare to the 2008 TidyTowns Competition. Thank you for the detailed entry documentation. With 12 people on your Committee and great support from the community and the appropriate agencies and organisations you have the ingredients in place to continue to make good progress in the Competition. Thank you for the really excellent map and all places marked on this were visited. The TidyTowns Plan for the period 2007 – 2010 is very detailed but it would be a good idea to allocate an actual implementation year to each project. Do remember that the TidyTowns Handbook gives great information and suggestions. Both new Committees and those who have been involved in the competition for some time will find this booklet really useful. There is a great feeling in Rosslare of an all embracing approach to TidyTowns in that you are working on each of the adjudication categories.

### **The Built Environment:**

Improved presentation was noted in respect of a number of buildings. The good colour scheme and well landscaped grounds of the National School provides a great environmental atmosphere for the children who attend there. At the Playground the new path and handrail enhances this important amenity and the adjudicator much admired the fine RNLI monument with the seat cut into the surrounding hedging. At the Sports & Leisure Centre the planting here provides some good screening of the building from the road. At the Catholic Church the road boundary wall would be improved if painted and as always the Kellys Hotel elevation to the road was well presented with good landscaping. At the Railway Station the presentation here was quite disappointing and a general tidy up here is suggested for 2009.

### **Landscaping:**

The adjudicator welcomes your decision to begin the planting of Oak trees provided that they have the necessary future vertical and horizontal root space requirements. The village was colourful with the half

barrels and flower baskets brightening up a rather dull day. Your wish to develop further the idea of year round planting is indeed the correct direction to take and it will reduce your maintenance requirements also. The roundabout and the surrounding area was excellently presented and provided a great introduction to the village. There are many good landscaped areas that caught the eye including the entrance to the Golf Club, at the Bird Hide and at the RNLI monument. Well cut grass alone can do so much to enhance an area. Rosslare is lucky in that there are many trees and other naturally occurring landscaping. There is a great sense of greenery in the village that represents a key attraction here.

#### **Wildlife and Natural Amenities:**

The Grove beside the National School is an interesting wildlife area and the sign at the roadside is a good start. In time this could be upgraded to a similar standard to the sign at The Hide. The area around The Hide was well presented and what a wonderful bird watching this location is. The beach area was excellently presented and the upgrading of the Senior Citizens Garden was admired.

#### **Litter Control:**

Litter control in Rosslare was very good on adjudication day and the daily pick up in July and August is producing the results. At the School the Bring Centre again this year was well presented, neat and tidy. A little litter was noted on Strand Road

#### **Waste Minimisation:**

Congratulations on purchasing the two mulching mowers. You will find that this will also improve the quality of your grass areas as this adjudicator has found out in his own garden. Hopefully the issue of the compactor will be sorted out for 2009 and that will mark an important step forward in your work for waste minimisation in Rosslare. It is a great idea to have a Committee member on the Green Flag Committee at the National School as these links are so important.

#### **Tidiness:**

The 'Care for Rosslare' days is an excellent way of focusing the community on the whole issue of presentation. Regardless of how good your overall presentation may be this initiative should be continued. The presentation of the Donkey Field had improved due to your good work and hopefully your negotiations with the ES+B and others will lead to a programme of under grounding of cables. In a number of areas road boundary walls needed to be painted. This can make such a difference to the overall appearance of an area. For example at the corner on the Mauritiustown Road a long road boundary wall needed to be painted.

#### **Residential Areas:**

Quite a number of the many estates in Rosslare were visited and those visited were attractively presented. The Best Kept Garden Estate Competition is a really great way of keeping up the standard here. Fine landscaping impressed at The Haven as did the good grass and shrub areas at St. Briocs. However at South Bay Point the adjudicator was of the view that this area lacked colour and the landscaping was rather low in colour impact and out of scale with the development.

#### **Roads, Streets and Back Areas:**

The Wexford approach road was a delight. The fine verges here and the colourful planting and trees created a great first impression of Rosslare. The nearby roundabout has been highlighted elsewhere in this report. On the Burrow Road some verges needed to be cut and near the RNLI monument some of the verges had been very roughly cut. The road surface at the approach to the railway bridges on the Mauritiustown Road and on Station Road were really appalling and urgent work is needed here. Along Grange road no recent work appeared to have been done on the verges. The large brown and white services directional signs were much admired by this adjudicator. Hopefully your discussions with the Gardai on traffic issues will make progress for 2009.

#### **General Impression:**

It was a great pleasure for your adjudicator to visit Rosslare for the first time. Well done on the progress that you are making in the competition and we wish you well in your work for 2009 when we will visit you again.