

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Campile** Ref: **120**
County: **Wexford** Mark: **226**
Category: **B** Date(s): **26/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	28
The Built Environment	50	35
Landscaping	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	21
Litter Control	50	32
Waste Minimisation	20	3
Tidiness	30	15
Residential Areas	40	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	27
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	400	226

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the 2009 National Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your submission, which included a completed application form, a comprehensive list of village properties and a clear map of the village which was of great assistance to the adjudicator on the occasion of his visit. Perhaps the committee could seek assistance from Wexford County Council in the preparation of a three year plan. This would be of great assistance to your committee, as a focused plan would set out clear objectives for future developments with a view to the regeneration and expansion of the village in the years ahead. It is to be hoped that you will be successful in this quest and we wish you well in the future.

The Built Environment:

The village is framed on one side by an access under the railway bridge. There is a sense of disappointment created here due to the loss of the traditional scale of the village and a series of unattractive open forecourts which have been created here. The adjudicator observed a planning notice for mixed redevelopment at the old Shelbourne Co-operative site. Due to the recent economic slowdown there may well be an opportunity to rethink the type of redevelopment that would be suitable here. Perhaps the committee could arrange to discuss this with both the developer and Wexford County Council. There is an opportunity to create a development that would be more sympathetic to the original character and scale of the village whilst creating some enclosure and a series of pleasant village spaces. This would provide a nice opportunity to form a village square where for instance, local products, such as the award winning Tinnock Farm produce could be relocated to provide an attractive and busy focal point. Further along there is a series of buildings which illustrates the original attractive vernacular architecture and scale. Whelan's Pub has an attractive shop front with good lettering and is a nice building. Dunphy's Bar and Hardware is strategically located and is an important corner site. On the opposite bank of the stream are a series of residential houses, including an old Georgian house, which should be architecturally assessed, some with a view to restoration. Perhaps the

committee would contact the Wexford County Council Conservation Officer to discuss this proposal. Hart's Bar and Grocery is clean and well presented and the small Post Office is a charming building.

Landscaping:

Work was continuing on the building of the weir at the riverbank on the day of adjudication. This is an important amenity area strategically located at the village centre and presents a very pleasant atmosphere. The planting of birch trees along the riverside bank opposite the Garda Station was noted. At the old hand ball alley, grass cutting had taken place but the presentation of the area was a little rough.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

As previously mentioned work was ongoing at the river weirs and it is good to note that you have proposals to introduce wildlife here. Your proposal to introduce some ducks would certainly be a nice feature.

Litter Control:

Your litter campaign is obviously working as the village was generally litter free on the day of adjudication. However, small quantities of litter scattered on the ground were observed close by the old garage and at the entrance to the railway station.

Waste Minimisation:

The Recycling Centre at Centra was clean and well presented and the Compactor for Domestic Waste is a fine facility. To proceed further in marks under this heading, a good start would be to consult The Race Against Waste website which contains a number of good ideas on this category. It is to be hoped that this programme will be developed in the coming years and that more initiatives from this website will be adopted in the future.

Tidiness:

Last year's adjudicator outlined a number of issues under the tidiness heading that would need to be addressed. Perhaps the committee could also make contact with Iarnród Éireann concerning the presentation of both the Station entrance area and the approaches to the Railway Bridge.

Residential Areas:

Abbeyview is a nice housing scheme and has matured very well. The linear grassed area adorned with some nicely planted and colourful flower tubs here was admired as were the nicely maturing trees. Some individual gardens were very well presented as were some colourful window boxes. Opposite the semi-detached housing layout of Sliabh Coillte looks well and the attractive stone boundary wall is a lovely feature, in addition to the nicely maturing landscaped areas. Shelbourne has not yet been fully completed and this scheme would benefit from substantial additional tree and shrub planting. Two traditional houses in the village centre were particularly admired and their presentation is magnificent. Elsewhere a number of individual and colourfully presented private gardens were also admired.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

The village has a number of nice approach roads and these were generally well presented. There is a nice maturity to the Arthurstown entrance and the village announcement sign here was nicely presented adorned with a flower bed. Work on the approach road from Enniscorthy was noted. On the Ballykeerogue Road some weed control was needed close to the village.

General Impression:

Your committee is progressing well and there is much evidence of your hard work throughout the village. Well done on this year's submission and we wish you well in your future endeavours.