

Tidy Towns Competition 2009

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Rosslare** Ref: **258**
County: **Wexford** Mark: **272**
Category: **C** Date(s): **24/06/2009**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2009
Overall Development Approach	50	40
The Built Environment	50	32
Landscaping	50	41
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	50	28
Litter Control	50	40
Waste Minimisation	20	4
Tidiness	30	20
Residential Areas	40	30
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	50	29
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	400	272

Overall Development Approach:

Welcome to the 2009 National TidyTowns Competition. Thank you for your submission, which included a completed application form and your wonderfully illustrated report outlining the full range of your committee's activities. Your all embracing PR efforts to drum up support amongst the wider community for TidyTowns makes impressive reading and it is good to hear that residents feel the village has benefited and has increased sense of pride in the community. Perhaps the committee will acquaint us in time of the benefits of the establishment of your TidyTowns website. Your report outlined a vast number of projects which were widely dispersed throughout the village. This adjudicator ensured that each individual project was visited.

The Built Environment:

The village core is an attractive area close by an important access point to the beach. This area was bustling with activity on the day of adjudication and the local businesses were individually busy. A number of local commercial premises in this area are well presented and portray a nice mixture of colour and signage. Brady's corner building has particularly nice details and the shop-front and lettering was admired here. It would be impossible to individually mention each premises but the following were particularly noted: The Pepper Mill; DAI Boutique; Petit Plaisir; Blondie's and The French Connection. Further along Kelly's Hotel looks exceptional. Landscaping here, particularly along the street front, is of the highest quality and the wonderful mix of trees, shrubs, plants and flowers forms a most attractive threshold along the streetscape to the entrance to the building. The pergola at the Bar and Bistro has an inviting charm. The Church and its grounds make a magnificent presentation. Bayside Port is an interesting contemporary design and was admired.

Landscaping:

On arrival at Rosslare the tone for the high standard of landscaping is set by the magnificent ornate display at

the roundabout and its surrounding environs. Further evidence of the committee's hard work and their effective mobilisation of the wider community, is also to be seen in the huge number of hanging baskets, planted tubs, window boxes and flower beds throughout the village, which hugely enhances the attractive seaside setting. The oak tree planting in honour of Margaret Ainge was a nice gesture from the community. The replanting at the RNLI site and St. Brigid's Well were noted. The clustering of the schools and community sports centre adjacent to each other makes an interesting complex. The Green Flag School was well presented and Lollitots created a lovely sense of colour, particularly at the playground. The entrance to the sports complex contains a nice shrubbery and the landscaping and seating here looked well. There are a number of areas located along Strand Road that are in need of weed control and a general freshening up, notwithstanding the fact that road works were ongoing close by the attractive pillar box on the day of adjudication. The fuchsia hedge along the stone wall, connecting the school to the golf course entrance, is a lovely feature here. Well done on this great effort!

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

The Bird Hide is a lovely feature and certainly has the effect of animating this interesting activity. The adjudicator notes that you are in discussion with the Wildlife Ranger with a view to increasing bird boxes and bat boxes in this area and certainly your suggestion of a wildlife interpretative centre at the sports area would in time prove a wonderful wet weather facility.

Litter Control:

The village was generally litter free on the day of adjudication but there was a quantity of litter scattered along the ground at the heavily used central car park. Elsewhere, a small quantity of litter was observed at the Coast Road. It is good to see that in a popular seaside resort such as Rosslare, with its many visitors, the co-operation between Wexford County Council (beach cleaning), the Development Association (student employment) and the committee's own voluntary litter collection efforts were clearly evident on the day of adjudication.

Waste Minimisation:

The adjudicator notes that you have an ongoing problem with illegal dumping and a visit to the sports grounds showed that the receptacles were full to capacity. In fact one receptacle had begun to overflow and the cover could not be closed. Your plans for expansion under this heading are noted.

Tidiness:

The adjudicator notes that you are continuing to make progress under this heading. The overall impression is certainly one of tidiness. The tennis court netting, to the boundary wall close by the attractively presented Redmond's Bar, was in need of renewal. Some general signage, mostly auctioneering signs, could be better located to provide a more pleasant visual presentation. We hope you are successful in your contacts with Iarnród Éireann and Wexford County Council concerning the issue of the railway bridges and the presentation of the Station approach.

Residential Areas:

Many new housing schemes have been developed in Rosslare and broadly they are at various stages of maturity. A high standard of presentation has been set by a number of more established schemes. Clon Main is a wonderfully landscaped scheme and continues the high presentation at the roundabout into the scheme itself. Commodore Barry Park presents an attractive linear green space. The built stone walls surrounding the shrubberies here are a feature and the stone boundary wall along the public road footpath gives the overall scheme a pleasant uniformity. Perhaps the committee would now consider carrying out an inventory of the newer schemes with a view to forming new contacts and this in turn would be of assistance in achieving your programme. Elsewhere, many individual private residences and gardens were well presented and, on Station Road, Eagle's Nest provides a colourful and attractive intervention.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Last year's adjudicator commented on the delightful presentation at the Wexford Road roundabout and this year a very high standard was again achieved. The previously mentioned bridges remain a problem area and again the adjudicator wishes you success in this issue.

General Impression:

Certainly on the day of adjudication the busy village of Rosslare had a lovely ambience and was most welcoming to the visitor. The driving commitment of the TidyTowns committee is proving a great asset and will continue to enhance the village's natural advantages. We wish you well in your future plans.

