

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Campile**

Ref: **705**

County: **Wexford**

Mark: **206**

Category: **B**

Date: **16/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	28
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	29	29
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	24	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	206	198

Overall Developmental Approach:

Your 5 Year Plan is very progressive and makes interesting reading. It is suggested however that you would schedule the work on a year to year basis identifying what can be done annually within your physical and financial resources. This could be done in conjunction with Wexford County Council and the other agencies who are supporting you and it is indeed encouraging to read that you also have the support of a good voluntary effort, the total result of which was to be seen on adjudication day. With a view to your entry for 2006 it perhaps might be an idea to call a public meeting at the end of this year the purpose being to establish what projects could be undertaken for 2006 and to which you could invite representatives from your Local Authority, CES, other state agencies, LEADER and your Regional Tourism Authority based in Waterford. This would give you pointers as to what could or could not be done and might also have the effect of creating further local interests. Thank you indeed for all the other information sent with entry form and for the maps.

The Built Environment:

As mentioned in last years report Campile has substantial commercial premises which, in the main, are being well maintained. Unfortunately open storage does not enhance the overall appearance of the village as indeed do the derelict sites and your comments in this respect have been noted. Horestown Parochial Hall is very nicely presented and the surrounding railings were much admired. The old Garda barracks could do with refurbishment. The Health Centre is being well maintained as is its car park. Walls throughout the village, in the main, looked very good and new ones which have

been provided greatly enhance the surroundings. The new car parking makes a tremendous difference as does the improved lighting. Wooden fencing throughout the village, in general, is being well maintained. Some however are broken and others need painting. This type of fencing can look very nice but its condition needs constant monitoring. Unfortunately the overall appearance of the Railway Station and its surroundings are not good and your comments in this respect and your dealings with CIE have been noted. In passing could it be mentioned that Dunbrody Abbey and Dunbrody cookery school would be somewhat outside the normal adjudication area.

Landscaping:

Open spaces in general looked very nice but, during a wet summer, need to be mown regularly. Trees, shrubs, plants and flowers. Where presented throughout the village, create a lovely atmosphere and, again, part of your future planning could be the further provision of these elements, particularly trees and shrubs which will give you some colour on an all year around basis. They are also easily maintained. Hanging baskets and tubs of flowers, where provided, also add tremendously to the overall appearance of Campile and all involved are to be congratulated on a very fine effort. The Riverside Park is a lovely feature but again needs constant attention in terms of excessive growth during the summer.

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Campile is very well endowed with possible sites for a wildlife project particularly the River Park area. Your idea of carrying out a survey is an excellent one and when completed could possibly lead to the production of a simple piece of literature documenting the wildlife species in the area which in turn could possibly be transferred on to a wildlife board for erection at a suitable site e.g. the River Park. In the event do take the best advice you can get and in this connection your Tidy Towns Handbook will be useful to you.

Litter Control:

Again this year there was some evidence of minor littering particularly on the Ramsgrange approach, at the Bottle Bank and to a lesser extent in the main street. If you have not already done so an Anti-litter Awareness Campaign aimed at school children, commercial premises and indeed the general public would not go astray. As mentioned in last years report – this is an important part of the competition and must be monitored constantly.

Tidiness:

Campile is a very busy center but, nevertheless, was presented in a neat and tidy manner again this year. Well done to all concerned.

Residential Areas:

Great credit is again due to your residents living in housing estates and individual homes for the high level of maintenance which is being provided. Lovely gardens were again to be seen and added greatly to your efforts. Housing estates looked well and their open spaces are also being well looked after. A very fine effort by all concerned.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Tremendous work has been done on the roads in Campile and the condition of pathways and general parking has improved tremendously. Great credit is due to your Local Authority for this. In general approach roads are being well maintained but, again as mentioned in last years report, grass verges need constant strimming particularly during a wet summer.

General Impression:

There has been indeed considerable improvement in Campile since last year which reflects great credit on your committee, commercial premises, your population in general and your Local Authority. Success breeds success and the adjudicator looks forward to returning to Campile again next year to see further progress made.