

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BANDON**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	27
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>189</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form, map, development plan and very detailed submission your presentation of information on your works is excellent again this year and is a credit to your committee. Keep up your links with the various organisations that you have forged links with, Bandon is a very unique town and the Bandon river is a fine feature of the town.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The Ducks, Swans and fishing are all important features of Bandon's wildlife. One suggestion I would make - would it be possible to make a riverside walk on the pumphouse side of the river starting at the footbridge and extending along to Bandon Bridge? This would be a nice amenity walk and bring the river into closer proximity to the public. Another possibility may be an information panel near one of the bridges outlining the kind of wildlife live on the rivers in Bandon. St. Finbarr's place looks well and certainly has undergone an amazing transfiguration.

### LANDSCAPING

Bandon has transformed many unnoteworthy areas into places of beauty, many of these have been mentioned in last year's report and continue to look very well one new addition is the work carried out at 'Chapel Street' which looks very well as it tidys up an unruly fringe on the corner. A continual problem is the weed growth along the walls of the Bandon and Bridewell river. This is quite a difficult problem to overcome and needs quite a lot of effort to rectify on an ongoing basis. The flower container along St. Patricks Quay look very well again and the Allin Garden looks well tended again. The area near the 'Shambles' needs some cosmetic work to bring it up to the standards it could attain. It had some trace litter, the benches need painting, the walls of the 'Shambles' have considerable weed growth and the inside of it is quite overgrown with weeds and should be cleared or screened.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

This is an area that certainly has seen drastic improvements with again many derelict sites being rejuvenated into new fresh buildings, and areas, of special note are the Orchid Site Kilbrogan Hill, Healys New Road, O'Mahonys Avenue, Weir Street and work done near O'Neills Garage. I am happy to see the proliferation of signs at Christ Church Exhibition have been removed. Some buildings in the town would benefit from some work, one such building that is crying out for some work is the 'Bandon Male National School 1895'. This is a fine building and should be renovated. The site on the corner directly opposite the Bandon Shopping Centre is an empty site and makes the street scape look incomplete. Many buildings look very well on the ground floors but many of the owners neglect the first, second and sometimes third floors of their premises which detracts from the views of the streets. The Allin Building would need freshening. Both Churches look well as do the T.S.B. Bank, Credit Union, A.I.B. Bank of Ireland, and Bandon Fire Station. The backs of buildings on South Main Street should not be neglected as these are very visible areas to the public.

### LITTER CONTROL

There was very little evidence of litter again this year, there was, however, some trace of litter in the following areas, St. Patricks Place, Convent Hill and the 'Shambles'. This did not detract from another great performance by the whole town in relation to litter control, well done!

### TIDINESS

At the time of year when adjudications take place, weed growth can be quite active. Many of the problems that Bandon has with weed growth differs from that of other towns in that the weed growth is almost exclusively on walls and not at kerbsides. The recycling facility in the carpark is a fine facility but

the bottlebank containers themselves look very dirty and need washing. The monument to Brigadier-General, Sean Hales, T.D. and the Irish Patriots Statues would both need to be cleaned. The banks walls of the rivers would need to be cleaned of weeds. There is also quite a lot of weed growth on the wall opposite 'More Miles Tyre Service'. Try to ensure that items needing ongoing maintenance receive it as otherwise they will become recurring problems.

#### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some fine efforts in this section again and great pride is being shown by nearly all private houses. The town park entrance on the Macroom road looks well. Emmet Row has a fine use of imaginative colours as does O'Mahony Avenue. Grogran Square also looks well, as does the Glenburn Estate. The first house on St. Patricks Hill does not look inhabited and it would need to be improved to match the fine work done by the other residents of the hill.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to Bandon are of a very high calibre and it certainly creates a very good impression of the town. The use of Arches with name plates and town signs with planting looks very well. Again many areas have been tackled namely on the Macroom Road, the Pitch and Putt Club entrance here would still need improvement, the Clonakilty side looks very well and the GAA sign looks much improved. The Cork approach looks excellent with every business making a considerable effort. The old railway carriage and vintage steamroller are nice features. One suggestion I would make is that quite a lot of streets require nameplates.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bandon looks very well again this year, keep up your efforts in relation to the walled banks of the river, and weed growth control on them. I realise that this is difficult. I hope you have success in relation to the undergrounding of E.S.B. cables. Try to insure that works carried out previously are continually maintained and are not neglected.