

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DALKEY TOWN**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	25
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	7
TOTAL MARK	300	183

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Dalkey certainly looks well this year with the new streetscape on Castle Street completed and hanging baskets in abundance on the main streets. The display of Dalkey Tidy Towns notices on shop fronts is a great idea to increase awareness among residents and visitors alike. The involvement of younger residents is also to be commended. Thank you for the completed form and sketch map which were helpful on the day of adjudication.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Bullock Harbour, Colimore Harbour and Dalkey Island provide a wonderful backdrop to the town of Dalkey. However, some attention needs to be paid to the removal of weeds and general tidying up of the harbours. Seating at Colimore Harbour requires repair but it was otherwise relatively tidy and litter free. Perhaps a few flower tubs could be considered for these areas.

LANDSCAPING

The rose garden on St Patricks Square is again this year exquisite. Trees planted on Hyde Road are coming along nicely and the flowers added are attractive and colourful. However the overgrown areas on the opposite side of the road detract from the overall impression. Well done to all those involved in the landscaping of the area along Ulverton Road beyond the Shell Station. Grass needs to be cut in the area opening onto Ormeau Drive. Trees planted in the square adjoining the castle ruin are attractive but need to be tended for weeds and overgrown grass. Flower tubs would be a nice addition to this area, or perhaps alternatively an information plaque relating to the castle could be erected. The open area opposite the AIB could perhaps be targeted by the committee for development next year as it currently looks unkept and is a litter trap.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Efforts made in the presentation of Super Valu, Finnegans Pub, Dalkey Pharmacy, New to You and Kerins Pharmacy are to be commended. The Guinea Pig Restaurant, Queens Pub and PDs Woodhouse were exceptional this year again. The planted area and painted steps in front of the Dalkey Montessori are very attractive. The addition of hanging baskets to a number of premises has a very positive effect and should be encouraged elsewhere. The car park adjoining the church on Castle Street has many areas in need of attention. We recognise the work already commenced on the bordering hedge growth. The Dart station looks well again this year. Shame about the graffiti present on the shed on the northbound side of the tracks.

LITTER CONTROL

The new litter bins on Castle Street have absorbed much of the immediate litter problem. However, litter is very much in evidence at both ends of the street -especially at the open area opposite AIB and the area around the Queens and the Town Hall. Car parks were in general litter-free with the exception perhaps of the car park beside the Dart station. Litter was also present in the derelict sites.

TIDINESS

The level of tidiness achieved by business owners and residents alike is to be commended. The trees planted in the SuperValu car park are doing well but care should be taken to ensure that weeds are removed at the base of the trees and surrounding paving. It is a shame to see the open green area adjacent to the Castle Villas looking so overgrown. This area could be transformed into a delightful public amenity with a little imagination. Perhaps the committee could look at developing this area for next years competition. Flyover rail bridges, in general, are in bad condition with many overgrown grass areas and weeds. Dalkey is fortunate that it has no graffiti problem to speak of, well done for efforts made in this

regard.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residents on Railway Road, Lesalie Avenue, Hyde Road, Ulverton Road and Sorrento Drive have done a great job this year in presenting their houses, congratulations. The brightly painted doors and wonderful rose garden at St Patricks Square make it an exceptionally attractive area. Village Gate is also exquisite with many landscaped areas. The old style lampposts are very effective. Castle Villas and Colimore Villas are well-kept as were many of the residences along Colimore Road. We look forward to the completion of Marine Villas also on Colimore Road. It is a pity to see derelict sites such as that at the corner of Dalkey Avenue and Barnhill Road. Being in a prominent location it shadows efforts made by other residents in the adjacent areas.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The new streetscape on Castle Street has been worth the effort made, especially with the addition of bollards, litter bins and of course the attractive old-style lampposts. Well done to everyone involved. On the whole more attention to back areas is necessary. The area between Tortulas Restaurant and Glyns Robbins needs to be tidied as does the area to the rear of Systems Printing Limited.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Dalkey was one of a well-cared for and delightful place to visit. As with any entry, trouble-spots are also apparent and should now be tackled by the committee to improve Dalkeys standing in the competition.