

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FINGLAS**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	24
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and map which was very helpful during the visit. Finglas & district demonstrates good working links and co-operation with local organisations and businesses. The fruits of these links are most evident in the village area. A suggestion for next year's programme might be to encourage more organisations and businesses in the district area to become involved. In addition, it would be useful to compile information relating to the unique features and history of the village and district. This would help to identify points of interest in the area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

As was pointed out in the entry form projects relating to wildlife in the area are planned for the future. We look forward to seeing development in this area.

LANDSCAPING

Where flower beds, shrubs, etc. have been planted they have proved to be very attractive. There are many open spaces which could benefit from improved landscaping with appropriate selection and siting of trees, shrubs and flowers. Aim for a year round effect. The upgrading and planting of new trees in the area was noted. Building on this effort will prove beneficial in the future. In general, many of the green areas and open spaces could benefit from improved maintenance, such as trimming grass at the base of trees.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Shopfronts and buildings in the village are once again well presented. The facade of the First National Bank, however, needs to be brightened up and the building and grounds of the Health Clinic need to be improved. It is important that all the owners of the proposed buildings in the area are encouraged to participate, especially as the standard rises. The presence of hanging baskets and flower pots in the village is to be commended and we would encourage further development of this theme. The church grounds are clean and tidy. The proposed preservation of buildings is welcomed e.g. the old church beside St Canices on the main street. The grounds and graveyard of the old church at the base of the footbridge are tidy and perhaps could benefit from some flowers. The industrial premises in the district should be encouraged to tidy and brighten up their grounds and boundary walls, particularly those on the main access routes. The Finglas Credit Union, the Drake Inn and Royal Oak Pub are to be commended on their facades. Your co-operation with Finglas Chamber of Commerce should help to encourage the removal of billboards.

LITTER CONTROL

More litter bins could help to reduce litter in some areas, e.g. residential estates, road sides, school entrances. Litter control in the village is good. We must commend your efforts on giving lectures in the local schools. Another way to improve litter control is by encouraging youth organisations e.g. scouts and youth clubs to become actively involved.

TIDINESS

Encouraging your local environment committees, residents associations and commercial premises to have regular clean-up days will contribute to overall tidiness. Fly posters tend to detract from the overall tidiness of the area. It is important to control weed growth in kerbsides and at the base of trees, buildings and walls. The recycling facilities at Janelle Shopping Centre are adequately signposted but a directional sign is required for the recycling facilities at Superquinn.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

On the day of inspection Violet Hill, Griffith Avenue, Cremore and Gortmore looked very well with their flowers, trees and shrubs planted along the roadsides. Many of the entrances to housing estates were well presented. The same level of attention should be given to the rest of the estates including open areas. There appears to be a sense of pride among residents and they should be encouraged to include the roadsides and kerbs in the clean-up of their areas. Attention should be paid to boundary walls and fences.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As mentioned in the entry form, there are road works in progress in the area. We look forward to the completion of the roads which will greatly benefit the area. Attention to the kerbsides, gateways and boundary walls is needed on the Ballyboggan Road, Cardiffsbridge Road, Cappagh Road, Wellmount Road, Sycamore Road and Glasanaon Road. The open grassy area in the Full Shilling car park and the area behind Terrys Flowers & Gifts on the Jamestown Road need to be tidied up. The car parking areas around the shopping centres are clean and tidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The co-operation between the Tidy Towns Committee and the various organisations, businesses and groups has benefited the area. Continued progress can be achieved through building on these successful relationships and by involving more local groups in the district.