

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **HOWTH**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	23
Litter Control	40	22
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>173</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

With the sun shining and the clear blue sea Howth was a pleasure to visit this year. On the day of our adjudication, there were many visitors enjoying the splendours of Howth, including the very tidy pier and well-kept park off Harbour Road. Thank you to the committee for your submitted questionnaire and detailed map of Howth which were both helpful on the day of adjudication.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Howth has an abundance of natural features and wildlife, which must be both preserved and protected. It may be an idea to draw up an inventory of all the species of wildlife in the area including Howth Peninsula and from this to work out a strategy to preserve this great asset. We are keen to see developments in this area. Marine wildlife is also a large part of Howth. We were delighted to see the presence of curious sealions along the pier on the day of adjudication. It may be an idea to get school children involved in this area which could prove educational, as well as improving the conservation of nature in the area.

### LANDSCAPING

The committee is to be commended for the work commenced on the area between Church Street and Dumbo Hill and we look forward to the finished project next year. Painted areas along Harbour Road look very attractive and bring a welcome colourfulness to the seafront. The park is well kept. The trees planted are coming along nicely, however, a few may need to be replaced. The seating also requires repair. The green area opposite Evora Park needs attention. The rather secluded park on Tucketts Lane is somewhat neglected. Shrubs need trimming and weeding and litter needs to be removed. There were some welcome developments to the graveyard with weeds being removed on the day of adjudication.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The pier area was very tidy and litter free despite the absence of litter bins. This is an important amenity and it is crucial to keep it well maintained. The shopfronts of Beshoffs and Wrights look attractive as do many of the restaurants along Harbour Road. The Bloody Stream Public House looks splendid. The Dart station looked well and it is obvious that a lot of effort has gone into its appearance. The new apartments along Harbour Road look well, especially with the addition of window boxes. Shame about the adjacent area which looks unsightly. Perhaps hoarding could be erected as a temporary measure to conceal the site. Progress made on the new premises on Church Street, Clohessys, is impressive and we look forward to the completed project. The properties further along on the same street look uncared for. The church grounds and Garda station are well kept.

### LITTER CONTROL

Litter was very much in evidence again this year in Howth. Litter bins supplied by some retailers have not been effective in reducing litter problems on Tucketts Lane, Church Street, Main Street and Abbey Street. Concealed litter was also present in the undergrowth of the park on Tucketts Lane and the hedgerow adjoining the school property near St Peters Terrace. Perhaps the pupils of this school could be encouraged to keep their immediate area litter free. The committee, however, is to be encouraged for efforts made in this area. The experience of litter problems is universal and through your persistence this negative aspect will appease. Remember the more included in an anti-litter programme the better.

### TIDINESS

Business properties were well kept on the whole and congratulations are in order for the tidy appearance of the pier and park areas. There are many landscaped and open areas in Howth, making it a difficult task to maintain but the committee has done well to date. Perhaps more people could be persuaded to join your committee to help with efforts to upgrade the appearance of certain public areas as well as

up-keeping their own premises.

#### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Some residential areas were very well presented this year, including Harbour View, Dumbo Hill and the new St Lawrence's Quay apartments. Evora Park was tidy as was Grace O'Malley Park. The trees on St Peter's Terrace look attractive, while they are made less effective by the presence of weeds at the base of the trees and walls. Much litter is also present. St Lawrence's Terrace is also very overgrown in parts which detracts from the great work carried out on other properties in the surrounds.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The standard on approach roads was again good this year and they were relatively litter free. Some fly-posting was evident on the Howth Road but this was not extensive. Back areas between the Dart station and properties along the pier need some attention, as does the area stretching along the rear of St Peter's Terrace. In general, weeds need to be removed from pavements and wall bases on roads such as Tuckett's Lane and Dumbo Hill.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

On the whole, the Tidy Towns Committee have a balanced approach to development in many different sections, which is to be commended. Howth has so much potential and has already become very attractive to visitors as well as being a place where residents can be proud of. Keep up the good work!