

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MALAHIDE**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19
Landscaping	40	28
The Built Environment	40	28
Litter Control	40	26
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25
General Impression	10	8
TOTAL MARK	300	202

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Malahide is welcome to the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for the enclosed plan for your town. This was helpful during adjudication. Your many nominations and accompanying photographs were also helpful, thank you. The town will be considered for many of the awards in the competition. There is much evidence in the appearance of Malahide of a co-ordinated effort on the part of the community. Obviously the committee is working both with the local authority and other statutory bodies. Congratulations on the standard that has been achieved for Malahide and we look forward to many repeat visits to your lovely town. We wish you well in all your future efforts in the implementation of your Strategic Development Plan.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A wildflower display might be developed on an undeveloped green area on the Swords Road. The information panel regarding the wildlife of the estuary is both attractive and functional and indeed the estuary is a wonderful wildlife area. However it must be viewed in its totality and the nesting areas for the swans was very badly littered both with rubbish and with the dumping of old electrical equipment. The road surface here was also very badly potholed. It is appreciated that this area might be outside the scope of that for which the committee can take responsibility. However, the entire estuary has to be taken into consideration for a Wildlife Award and not just the section of it along Strand Road.

LANDSCAPING

There are many attractively landscaped areas around the town and indeed your flower displays are enviable. Trees planted in previous years are maturing well and your shrubberies for the most part are nicely mature also. The wire and post fencing on the Portmarnock Road to Biscayne could be planted with hedgerow or shrubs. The flower tubs in the residential development beyond the community school and along the road back in need to be replanted. Both the grounds of Saint Sylvesters Church and the grounds of the Grand Hotel looked particularly well on adjudication day.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Malahide is of course well known for the excellent presentation of its shopfronts and these no longer need to be identified. It is good to note the continuing emphasis on well presented shopfronts. Newly developed properties have been tastefully designed and are being lovingly maintained. The Community School suffered a little in that kerbs were spoiled by weed growth. The school on the Dublin entrance was particularly well presented, especially in terms of it's landscaping. The wall of the Shopping Centre near the Estuary Road was in need of painting and the back lane beside Molloy Estate Agents needs to be upgraded. The wire and post fencing which forms the roadside perimeter of the Malahide Hardware property could be either planted with hedgerow or replaced with a high stone wall to screen the yards here. The upper stories of the AIB and adjacent premises might be painted to freshen their appearance; however there is not a serious problem in presentation here. The corner of Saint James Terrace where it meets the Main Road could be upgraded by planting the plant container and refurbishing the water pump together with upgrading the railings here.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control around Malahide was quite good on adjudication day and there were no serious lapses. However incidental litter was noted, particularly on the Portmarnock approach road at the public toilets. Litter was also noted on some recently cut verges and was weakest on some parts of Church Road and on the Estuary Road. The environs of Meaghers Greengrocers tended to be a little littered also as was the area inside the wall of Saint Sylvesters Church. None of these areas were seriously spoiled by litter; however they stood in marked contrast to the standard achieved for the rest of the town.

TIDINESS

The Swords Road was spoilt somewhat in its appearance by broken fencing and weed growth at the base of walls, particularly near the junction with the Dublin Road at the Ros Chill Estate. This stood in sharp contrast to a nearby well maintained and landscaped area. The bathing shelter on the Beach Road appears to have been vandalised with graffiti. Weed growth was quite prevalent along the Estuary Road. The wire fencing of the Swords Sailing and Rowing Club is quite unsightly and graffiti was noted on the Meaghers Food Hall premises. While all of these individual areas presented problems in terms of tidiness, the overall impression of Malahide was one of a tidy town.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Well established residential areas in Malahide are presented to an excellent standard; these include Biscayne and Seapark. However long grass featured around some trees in the latter development. The Castlefield Development was also excellent in its presentation. One development on the Seapark Road near the estuary suffered from inappropriate weed growth. A number of newer developments are less well presented, perhaps because their development has not yet been completed. This includes one on the Portmarnock Road (the Golf Links) and the Millford development (on the Yellow Walls Road). The latter is underdeveloped in respect of its roadside area. Ensure a high standard of presentation of these together with the Retirement development when construction work has been completed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Dublin approach road looked particularly well as it does each year with its mature trees lining the approach road and as usual the entrance was marked by excellent landscaping. The Portmarnock approach road looked well also. The new SuperValu signs were noted. Most items of street furniture were well presented; however the telephone kiosk at Saint Sylvesters Villas will need to be refurbished. This old style telephone kiosk should be retained. Side areas throughout the town tended to be less well presented than properties along the main thoroughfare; this is unfortunate and should be rectified. Carparks in general looked well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is good to note the improvement in presentation of Malahide over that of more recent years. The town looked particularly well on adjudication day. Redevelopment was on going in some areas. A little more attention will need to be paid to back areas and side areas in the future.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (12/08/96)

The town of Malahide looked well on a sunny second adjudication day. However, a few problem areas were still apparent. Litter control was a problem on the day - outside Meagher's grocers, in front of the tennis courts, along New Street and rather a lot on the slipway by the Malahide Yacht Club on the Sea road. Weed control was also a problem. Weeds were apparent at the bases of the trees along Church Road (which was also quite potholed), the entrance kerbs at the Community School, the kerbs along Beach road and along Old Street. The telephone box at St. Sylvester's Villas still looked unsightly as it is quite prominent on the main road - quite a bit of litter was apparent here also. The estuary area generally looked desolate and neglected, while the wall of the shopping mall remarked upon by the first adjudicator still required upgrading.