

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SANDYMOUNT**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry for Tidy Towns. Your strategic plan was concise and informative. Congratulations on your recruitment efforts to date and good luck in your ambitions to double membership for next year. We welcome the joining of forces between Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association and the Sandymount Tidy Towns Association. With this level of support much good work can be achieved but remember to plan wisely. The strategic plan should be your guiding tool.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It is encouraging to see the committees keen interest in preserving and developing natural amenities of the area. It is a good idea to dedicate this task to a specific sub-committee, which I see you have already arranged. Sean Moore Park is a wonderful natural amenity but requires some attention with regards to litter control and weed removal. The beach at the Northern end was relatively litter-free and the litter bins are well appointed at this point.

LANDSCAPING

The Sandymount green is very attractive and a well used local amenity. The planted beds are colourful with the inclusion of geraniums and begonias in the flower arrangements. The seating may require a coat of paint as elements of graffiti have emerged. The seating outside Super Valu is also well appointed. St Marys Star of the Sea Church grounds are well maintained. The trees planted at the Sean Moore Park are coming along nicely and could perhaps be complemented by flowers at a later stage. The landscaped areas at the Inspector of Taxes building and the Multiple Sclerosis Building are attractive especially with the striking figure statue.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Businesses in Sandymount have put much effort into the presentation of their premises. The hanging baskets are a colourful addition to the village. Super Valu is again this year well presented. The multiple sclerosis building and the Inspector of Taxes building are both attractive and well-maintained. The shops at Serpentine Court are tidy. The car park and landscaped area, however are in need of attention. The St. Marys Star of the Sea Church and Star of the Sea School look particularly well kept. The newly painted baths look splendid against the backdrop of deep blue colour of the sea.

LITTER CONTROL

The publicity and encouragement of litter management by the committee in Sandymount has reaped positive rewards. There was a significant reduction in litter this year especially along busy routes and shopping areas. There was some concealed litter in Sean Moore Park among the shrubs and rough areas which needs to be addressed. Incidental litter was present outside the shops at Serpentine Court and along Sandymount Avenue and Merrion Road. Also a small section of Sandymount Green between the ESB Sub-station and the greens boundary fence has attracted some litter.

TIDINESS

Planted trees provide an element of attractiveness to many roads and streets of Sandymount. The growth of weeds at the base of trees, however, detracts from the overall appearance. Weeds were present along Sandymount Avenue, Serpentine Avenue and at Serpentine Court. The area surrounding the level crossing on Serpentine Avenue was particularly untidy. Flyposting was evident on the section of the Merrion Road included. We were encouraged to note that there is relatively little evidence of graffiti in Sandymount.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

In general, the high standard of appearance in Sandymount of residential areas was maintained. Wellington Lodge and Oaklands Park were exceptionally well presented. The gardens were most attractive in St James Terrace and at Margaretholme on Claremont Road. The splendid presentation of houses and gardens on Claremont Road make this an attractive approach to the village. Claremont Park was also very tidy and well cared for as was Seafort Villas and Leahys Terrace. The houses along Beach Road and Sandymount Road were well maintained.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads to Sandymount including Claremont Road, Sandymount Avenue and Sandymount Road look attractive with an abundance of mature trees and gardens flaunting each side. The well kept houses on one side and the coast on the other with its newly painted baths make Strand Road another attractive approach. Given the busy nature of these routes their upkeep and maintenance is made more difficult and so the committee have done well to date in their efforts to control litter. However, the problem persists along Strand Road when day-tripper levels are high particularly at weekends and also along Merrion Road on the occasion of a large event.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The combined forces of Sandymount and Merrion Residents Association and the Sandymount Tidy Towns Association together with the comprehensive sub-committee structure has worked well to create a framework through which balanced development can take place. We congratulate the committee for improvements made in Sandymount during 1996 and look forward to the many more exiting plans outlined in your 3/5 year report.