

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **SUTTON**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 13-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	12
Residential Areas	30	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>176</b>

## **Adjudicator's Comments**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The Sutton Tidy Towns Committee illustrates a good approach to the future development of the area. We would encourage the co-operation and consultation that exists with various other agencies in order to ensure that the committee will achieve its long term objectives. The work that has been carried out to date must be commended and we look forward to the completion of projects that are currently underway. Thank you for the completed entry form and detailed map which was very useful on the day of adjudication.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Sutton area is home to a wide variety of sea birds and the cliff walk offers many opportunities to view these birds in their natural habitats. A suggestion might be to erect an information panel providing specific details on the wildlife which can be viewed along the walk as well as on the beaches. The two information points located on Strand Road and in the summit scenic car park provide useful information on the Howth peninsula. The shrubs surrounding the sign on Strand Road as well as the bench are very attractive and would be a nice addition to the other sign. However, there was some incidental litter lodged in the shrubbery. The beach at Greenfield Road will be greatly improved once the development of the road side is completed. The beach area off Burrow Road is relatively litter-free; however some of the signs at the entry point need to be repainted and there was also some graffiti on the walls. Your committee's work with Fingal County Council for the provision of ramps at entrances to walkways must be commended for contributing towards improving management of access to natural amenities. We look forward to the completion of these ramps.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The replacement of trees and planting of native trees should be continued. In addition, locating shrubs and flowers along with trees should be carried out in order to achieve a year-round effect. Management of the beach areas is good and the regular clean-ups are important for helping to reduce litter. The open space area beside the signal box on Station Road needs to be tidied up.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The village environment was well presented. There was some incidental litter present outside some shops but overall litter control was good. The Superquinn car park was clean and tidy with attractive hanging baskets. The landscaped area in front of the ESB was managed well and the presence of flower boxes in the village must be complimented. There was some weed and grass growth at the kerbs which needs to be removed. We look forward to the development of the derelict building beside Superquinn once planning permission has been received. There is a small overgrown area at the junction on Sutton cross-roads between Station Road and Dublin Road which would benefit from some landscaping. Both the school and church grounds are clean and tidy. The forecourt of the Shell Station on Greenfield Road must be commended on its presentation. However, the Esso Station on Howth Road could brighten up its forecourt area. The grounds and facade of the Marine Hotel are well managed. The restoration of the old signal box by Iarnród Éireann is a welcome addition to the village. The advertising billboards and flyposting should be removed from the DART Station.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was some incidental litter present in the village and on the beach on the day of adjudication. It is important to continue the regular clean-ups as well as promoting anti-litter awareness among locals and visitors alike.

### **TIDINESS**

The recycling facilities which are located in the Superquinn car park could perhaps benefit from a directional signpost. The control of weed growth at kerbs and at the base of buildings could be undertaken by individual property owners on a co-ordinated basis organised by local sub-committees.

#### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The majority of the residential areas were well presented in particular the Duncarraig Estate and Glencarraig Estate. Offington Park was litter-free but more attention should be paid to the base of trees and kerbs. Carraigbrack Lawns and Heath and St Fintans Park/Crescent should ensure that the maintenance of trees, shrubs, flowers and grass verges is extended to all areas. All of the residential communal open spaces were clean and tidy.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On each of the approach roads more attention is required in order to control the growth of weeds and grass at the kerbs and at the base of walls. Hedges and grass verges should be regularly trimmed and incidental litter removed where necessary. The installation of a Welcome to Sutton sign would be attractive on the Howth/Dublin approach road. The car parking area at the Summit has some incidental litter and some areas of the boundary wall need to be repaired. The two derelict buildings need to be tidied up. On the Strand Road the car park of the Sutton Dinghy Club could be improved by removing the litter and cutting the grass verges. The new wall on Launder's Lane must be complimented. There was graffiti under the low bridge off the Burrow Road and litter on the connection back road which needs to be removed. We look forward to the proposed landscaping of the laneways which will be part of the committees 3 to 5 year plan.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

The work and efforts of the Tidy Towns Committee have been important in improving the presentation of Sutton. The continued involvement and co-operation with local groups, businesses and organisations will help to achieve an even higher standard of presentation in the future.