

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNMORE**  
County : **GALWAY**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	16
Litter Control	40	20
Tidiness	20	10
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	16
General Impression	10	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>159</b>

## Adjudicator's Comments

### OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

You are to be complimented on the initiatives undertaken and the successful campaign for the Urban Village Renewal 1995-1999. A key factor in the Adjudication Criteria for 1996 is some evidence of the involvement of the whole community in caring for the environment. Delighted to note that you have a Tidy Towns Junior Committee. Involvement of the younger members of the community is vital. You are to be complimented on your involvement with FAS, Youth Employment and ESB.

### WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Under the above heading you have made good progress with improvements along the river bank, your nature walk and river walk. Always keep in mind access for the disabled. The Graveyard is important and glad to see that the work there is ongoing. Sister Bernadine is to be congratulated for her work, especially the provision of a recycling facility for cans at the gate of the Community School. If possible collate information on the habitats of animals and birds and also the wild flowers in your area. Sign post for Bog Road Nature Trail?

### LANDSCAPING

How fortunate you are to have your own Landscape Gardener! His work is certainly bearing fruit and the provision of trees and shrubs is a great asset. Attention should be given to all approach roads. The Town signs with stone faced flower beds were generally overgrown and in need on weeding. First impressions are lasting and it is vitally important that margins and hedgerows are neat and tidy. The "Dunmore-Querrin" sign needs repainting and the provision of a flower bed at the base. The area around the "Dunmore Community" Alert sign, just beyond the Cemetery has grass growing high. The Pump could be brightly painted with flowers at the base. Pairc Mhic Eil has weeds along the perimeter. Nice to see the trees planted inside the fence.

### THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Congratulations on saving Dunmore House from demolition and every success with Market House restoration. The most unsightly buildings are around the Dunmore Social Service Information Centre which is totally overgrown and in urgent need of attention. Alongside are derelict buildings. The Garda Station would be improved with a coat of paint and some window boxes. Incidentally, it was difficult to move along the footpath outside the Garda Station as SIX cars parked on the pavement! On the day of adjudication a Workman was busy demolishing part of the Abbey wall. He told us it was part of the work to provide a car park. This area with seating and a litter bin was obviously a place for relaxation. Is it now to be lost? Attention should be paid to the building between Glynn's and Byrnes and other derelict buildings. Keep pressure on the County Council and ask them to pursue the matter through the implementation of the Dereliction Act.

### LITTER CONTROL

Evidence of litter on the Tuam approach and the Dunmore Community School. Also at Abbey grounds. Provision of bins at key points is essential.

### TIDINESS

There is a definite need to attend to the control of weeds. Dunmore has its fair share of stonework but the effect is spoiled when weeds surround the base.

### RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Homes on the Tuam approach were particularly eye-catching, nicely painted with lovely gardens and

flower containers. With minor exceptions, residents have played a good role in maintaining their homes. But there is always room for improvement and your Committee will continue to encourage home owners to play their part in enhancing the beauty of your area. Abbeylands Estate is worthy of special mention for their initiative in setting up a special Residents Committee.

#### ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The need for neat and tidy approach roads cannot be over emphasised. It was with great difficulty that we found the Bog Road Amenity Walk. Three locals could not offer directions! Adequate signposting is of the utmost importance. Remember to make provision for disabled persons in your planning.

#### GENERAL IMPRESSION

All the evidence points to an enthusiastic Committee whose efforts are providing major improvements in Dunmore for locals and visitors alike. So much work is ongoing and evident. Dunmore has a welcoming atmosphere and all are to be congratulated on the improvements.