

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DULEEK**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	24
The Built Environment	40	24
Litter Control	40	26
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	185

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Your questionnaire and map were extremely helpful and clearly showed your developments to-date. Your Committee has undertaken some very good projects over the year and the results have clearly enhanced the overall appearance of the village. For next year you will be required to submit a 3/5 year work programme/plan which will outline your objectives for the future. This plan should be set out with a couple of realistic and achievable projects for each year and the programme/plan will be part of the marking system.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your work at Paramaddan River and Park will help greatly in the conservation of wildlife. The river on the day of inspection however contained quite a bit of litter and this would need to be cleared. The banks of the river Nanny were accessible and the water quality was quite good. You should try and get the school children involved in the wildlife area by asking classes to undertake projects directly related to nature conservation along the river banks.

LANDSCAPING

Your Committee has been very busy this year with new tree planting on the School road and newly grassed junctions on the Navan and Ashbourne roads. All of your green amenity areas were well presented with nice colourful selections of shrubs and flowers. The hanging baskets located throughout the village were also well presented. Paramaddan Park along with the village green and junction at the Drogheda Road were also well presented.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of the important buildings were well presented. However, the following premises could be encouraged to look at changing their plastic signs: Big Toms, Marios Takeaway and Duggans. The following premises should be commended for their appearance: the Pharmacy, Post Office, Nicolas Newsagents, the Credit Union and Centra. The frontage of Jodie Engineering is improved a bit but could improve further i.e., big steel gates could be painted or changed. The National School and Church along with the Presbytery were also well presented.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the main street and residential areas appeared well under control. However litter was evident at Paramaddan Park and particularly in the river. The outside of the School also had litter.

TIDINESS

The overall appearance of the village was one of neatness and tidiness. Building works were however going on in the main street on new houses but the area had been kept quite clean. Weed control around the village appeared also to be under control.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residents should once again be commended on the appearance of their estates. Abbey lands, St Ciarans Terrace and Mill Race estates were all well presented. The collection of wrecked Volkswagens did however take away from Mill Race estate. Fr. Ryan Park was clean and tidy however the entrance once again had graffiti and took away from the appearance. Individual residential premises in Duleek should also be commended for the appearance of their premises.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were well presented however one or two i.e., School Road and Navan Road, could do with some verge cutting. All of the streets and back areas were also very clean and tidy. It is a pity that the back lanes and roads are in such a state and Meath County Council should be approached with a view to having these areas resurfaced.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

My impression of Duleek and your Committee is that work is ongoing and to-date you have achieved some success. I have mentioned a couple of areas where improvements can be made and I am particularly looking forward to seeing how your work on nature conservation, particularly related to the river, turns out. Good luck and well done.