

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNBOYNE**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16
Landscaping	40	26
The Built Environment	40	27
Litter Control	40	25
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	180

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator was pleased to be able to come back to Dunboyne again this year. Once again your committee has been hard at work. Your questionnaire and especially your map were extremely helpful in finding my way around your village. Next year as part of the new format for the competition you will be required to submit a 3-5 year work programme/plan. This plan should set out clearly your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives, a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is potential for greater nature conservation in and around Dunboyne. A good starting point would be to identify the wildlife habitats of your catchment area and see what species of animal, bird and fish these attract. Why not invite your local environmental experts and groups to get involved to advise you and provide you with the specialist information you will require.

LANDSCAPING

Your choice of trees, shrubs and flowers and where they have been sited are to be commended. The road island area was very well presented with nice colourful flowers planted at the base of each tree. The grotto area did have some weeds evident and these would need to be removed. The landscaped area in front of the Shell garage was also in need of maintenance and did not appear as well as last year. The flower beds in front of the Credit Union, community Centre and new post primary school were also well presented. The flower tubs located around the village were very colourful and well maintained.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Dunboyne is going through a building phase with lots of new developments taking place. The new post primary school is a fine building and compliments the Community Centre, primary school and Credit Union which were all well presented. The Catholic Church and carpark area with its newly planted trees were also well maintained. The Parochial House and old school house with a selection of colourful window boxes were also well maintained. There are a lot of nice business premises in Dunboyne including Slevins, Bank of Ireland, Bradys Public House and the Tolka Veterinary Centre which were all beautifully presented. Improvements could be made to Fingal House and especially the Post Office which is very dull looking.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general was quite good on the day of inspection. Some litter was evident at the entrance to the old Protestant Church and beside the shopping area opposite Slevins. Litter bins were well presented and appeared well maintained.

TIDINESS

Dunboyne is undergoing major development works and it is difficult to keep the village tidy with this work ongoing. However with this in mind the centre of the village was very neat and tidy with weeds well under control. Areas where improvements could be made would be around the water tower and at the industrial estate where quite a lot of weeds were evident.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Full marks to the majority of residents in the display of their estates. St Peters Park was once again beautifully presented as was most of the estates on Rooshe Road. Castle View had improved but weeds were still evident and the flower beds to the front needed some attention. The terrace houses beyond

Castle View and on the Navan Road should also be commended for the lovely display of window boxes.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were generally ok but more attention to this area would dramatically increase your marks under this area. For example the approach sign on the Maynooth road was not visible and should be moved. Again on the Summerhill road the approach sign was completely hidden and the approach footpath was in bad repair. The approach from Rooshe road had quite a lot of weeds along the kerbside - more spraying will eliminate this. In general most of the back areas were tidy.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dunboyne is a lovely little village and your Committee should be congratulated on all the work done. More concentration on the wildlife and approach roads will benefit you in the competition.