

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNSHAUGHLIN**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15
Landscaping	40	25
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	23
Tidiness	20	11
Residential Areas	30	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	6
TOTAL MARK	300	180

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The adjudicator would like to thank the Committee for the questionnaire and map which were extremely helpful in assessing what work had been undertaken. Your Committee have once again been busy and all should be congratulated. As part of the new format to the competition you will need to submit a 3-5 year work programme/plan for next year. The 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 Dunshaughlin. 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. Flower pots located throughout the village were well maintained and very attractive. The landscaped amenity area on the Dublin approach road was extremely well presented. The floral beds on the Ratoath/Skreen road and the Trim and Navan roads were also nicely presented and colourful. It is important that these areas receive constant maintenance throughout the summer months. The pitch and putt course was well maintained as was the Community College grounds. The sign for the pitch and putt course could do with being replaced.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The majority of the businesses along the main street were very well presented. Premises such as Winstons Jewellers, An Sibin, Lawless's, Harmony Tiles, Family Fashions and Sweaters and Knits were all well presented. O'Briens Pub was being painted on the day of inspection and had some lovely shrubs and flowers on the junction side. The industrial building opposite Hill View estate was still an eyesore with weeds to the front and wooden pallets lying around. The old R.C. Church had been nicely restored and the grounds completely tidied up. The Maxol garage in and around the Super Valu shop, although under construction, could be tidied up.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was good on the day of inspection. However, there was evidence of litter in and around the main street even though there were plenty of well maintained litter bins.

TIDINESS

The main street of Dunshaughlin appeared relatively tidy and weeds were well under control. Weeds were, however, a problem in and around the estates such as College Rise and the Crescent and Manor Court, specifically along the kerbsides. Dunshaughlin is still expanding with lots of new houses and building works in progress throughout the village.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The adjudicator visited all of the residential areas of Dunshaughlin and residents should be praised for the presentations of their premises. Estates on the Trim Road were by far the best presented - well done everyone.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads were in general very well presented. The Dublin approach was looking very well with the landscaped area on the right and even a small floral surrounding of the industrial estate sign. The Navan approach was also well presented - however, the name signs were just visible when you approached as grass and shrubs had begun to cover them. The majority of the back areas were tidy even though so much construction was going on. One problem I found this year was the appearance of advertising signs particularly on the Dublin and Navan roads which distracted your view of the approach to the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dunshaughlin is coming on and has made steady progress in the competition. The Committee should be congratulated for all their work. Good luck and well done.