

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DELGANY**
County : **WICKLOW**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 16-07-96

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18
Landscaping	40	22
The Built Environment	40	26
Litter Control	40	28
Tidiness	20	13
Residential Areas	30	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22
General Impression	10	5
TOTAL MARK	300	184

Adjudicator's Comments

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Welcome to the new format of the 1996 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your questionnaire and development plan for Delgany to the year 2001 incorporating your project plan for 1996, which was a pleasure to read and highlighted interesting places which otherwise would have been missed by the adjudicators. You have indeed largely retained the character of the village and try to ensure that this is protected. You have some very challenging proposals and the adjudicators look forward to seeing these through to fruition. Good luck in this regard. The adjudicators look forward to further visits. Good luck for 1997.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The adjudicators welcomed your attention to wildlife and nature conservation throughout many aspects of your development plan. The adjudicators look forward to the development of nature trails - try to include the school children in these developments. The pathway to Bellevue Forest was visited by the adjudicators and this potentially could be a very interesting wildlife area - it would be nice if a proper pathway could be constructed, again, the adjudicators look forward to this. Unfortunately, the adjudicators could not see the butterflies as the Buddleia bushes had been cut back at time of adjudication. A lot of trees could be cleared of ivy throughout different parts of the village, and on the approach roads. The amenity area is quite a nice feature with the stream; it was good to see that planting had taken place this year. Unfortunately, the adjudicators did not get to see the works carried out at the graveyard but commend your efforts in your attempt to grow wildflowers. The adjudicators look forward to visiting this area next year.

LANDSCAPING

Generally, landscaped areas could be enhanced through a bit of effort by the Tidy Towns Committee in conjunction with Wicklow County Council. Perhaps you might encourage more residents to get involved here in order to adopt a spot and not just leave it to the members of the Tidy Towns Committee. As already stated, the amenity area is a very nice feature with tree planting noted. The grass bank could, perhaps, do with some attention. The area opposite needs considerable attention, and obviously, both the pathway up to Bellevue Forest and on the other side of this road; no work had taken place this year in the removal of Gorse. The adjudicators also noted improvement at the corner near Wicklow Arms. Well done in this regard. The grounds of the school were a magnificent presentation, congratulations.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Generally most premises are well maintained this year throughout the village of Delgany with the Wicklow Arms looking very well, particularly, through its use of flowers. Delgrange Delicatessen and the Delgany Inn were both well presented, and outside J. Bradys was litter free. The new frontage onto the Horse and Hound is particularly attractive, congratulations to the proprietors. Outside the Post Office was litter free. The school and its grounds had an excellent presentation, well done - the grassed area outside would have benefited from cutting. Delgany Golf Course is also a magnificent presentation and its approach was beautifully presented and maintained. The adjudicators particularly liked Pattersons, which is a very nice presentation with excellent use of Wisteria. The Church and its grounds were very well presented and one area that needs to be tackled is the premises next to the Church. The adjudicators look forward to improvements in this presentation for next year. Overall, quite a good performance.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter is not particularly a bad problem throughout the village of Delgany this year as no bad spots were noted, so congratulations in this regard. However, dead vegetation along the roads does take from the overall appearance and you might try to have this removed on a regular basis.

TIDINESS

Resurfacing of several roads, e.g. Killincarrig approach road have helped to improve the appearance and the neatness of the village. The continued under-grounding of cables will be beneficial in improving the appearance. In some cases, signs needed to be either painted up or cleaned, for example, the Kilpedder sign and pole would benefit from a painting. The Carmelite Monastery name could also be painted, weeds were noted along this wall. Also, the clearing away of ivy from many trees on approach roads would improve the appearance, as would the removal of dead vegetation on the footpaths. The Wicklow Arms might consider replacing its plastic seating to the front with more sympathetic street furniture, e.g. wood.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Overall, there is a good presentation under this category this year with many fine individual examples, particularly in outlying areas. Belview Court should be nice once complete, with continued attention to landscaping. At the park opposite, the grassed area at the entrance could have been cut at time of adjudication. At the park opposite the Horse and Hound, Belview Lawns (?), the grass needed some attention at the entrance and some hedge clippings had been dumped at the turning circle, otherwise, quite a good presentation with grass cut within the park and good individual efforts noted. At the park with the Private Road sign at its entrance, the grassed area in the centre had been cut but the sides would have benefited from some strimming, also, some weeds were noted along kerbs. Particularly good individual efforts were noted along the Glen Road. Good individual efforts were also noted on Bellevue Hill, including the thatched cottage at the bottom of the hill and also Aunty Mays, which was being painted at time of adjudication. The new housing development near the Horse and Hound also had a very nice feature of the arch incorporated into it. A very good effort was also noted with Beechwood House, with nice flower baskets. Overall, a very good effort in this section.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach road from Killincarrig, all that is needed is to paint the poles and clean the sign. Approaching Delgany along Bellevue Hill, try to cut back the verges, for example, on the left hand side by the field. Coming down the hill also needs more attention. The resurfacing here also helps to improve the appearance, as it does in other areas on the Killincarrig approach road. Approaching from the N11, the 30 MPH signs would benefit from cleaning; try to clear away dead vegetation that was lying on the roads and kerbs, and also you might have a programme for clearing ivy. There was somewhat an overuse of residential development/auctioneer signage on this road. On the Blacklion Road, weeds were evident along the footpath; the area by the sign needed landscaping and generally, was quite badly presented; the hedging on the right hand side needs more attention. It was nice to see holly growing in places. Areas at entrances into fields would also benefit from attention. Overall, this could be improved. Priory Road was relatively tidy and litter free. Overall, there is room for improvement in this category.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The general impression is that Delgany is a very neat and tidy village which has maintained the charm of a small village. The adjudicators welcome the development plan, prepared by the Tidy Towns Committee. Try to work on the approach roads and to ensure that they are maintained and create a very positive initial impression. Also, your proposals for nature trails would be welcomed. Good luck for 1997.