

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 10-07-97

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 28 | 27 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 17 | 16 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 26 | 24 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 21 | 20 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 20 | 20 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 11 | 10 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 21 | 20 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 16 | 16 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 166 | 159 |

Dunmore, Co. Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for completing the entry form and for the list of the work which you have carried out to-date. It is good to see that all of the relevant bodies are working so closely together. You have set yourselves realistic tasks and you are achieving them one by one. A limited number of targets which are achievable each year is always more likely to yield results.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Generally most of the business premises are presenting their premises to a high standard. The Church and grounds are very well maintained. The sign for the Community School is very nice, but some weeding is required around the entrance to the school. On adjudication day the Garda Barracks was not painted, and it was the middle of July. The funeral home, credit union, Gallagher's and Seamus Connolly's deserve special mention. Also, the Cell Nite Club was very nicely painted. The library could benefit from a fresh coat of paint as could the boundary walls of the community centre and also the school across from the Church. The Texaco garage is presented to a very high standard. The stone flower beds look most attractive. The Alpha centre looks very nice and the car park area is well maintained. I am glad to see from your notes that the Dunmore Social Services centre is due for demolition. You really do have your fair share of derelict premises and it is such a pity that you can do nothing about them as they really do detract from a town or village. I can fully understand your frustration. The School on the Glenamaddy road looks very nice.

LANDSCAPING

You have done great work throughout the town with the stone flower beds. The entire area looks so colourful. The area that you have landscaped at the Abbey is a credit to all involved. Also you are to be commended for the way you have all the water pumps restored and painted. The restored archway at the square is noted. The bridge restoration and the lighting here is most attractive and must look lovely at nighttime.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You are again to be complimented for working hand in hand with the gun club. You are fortunate to have this facility and the nature trail which you have well signposted. You should consider erecting a story board, perhaps at the Square, identifying all of the wildlife in your area. This would prove very useful to visitors. Loughrea has done something similar; maybe you should take a look at it.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in the town is good, considering Dunmore is a busy place. There was some litter in evidence on the Glenamaddy road.

On adjudication day most of the litter bins were overflowing. You will have to be very vigilant and arrange for these bins to be emptied at regular intervals.

TIDINESS

Generally Dunmore is presented to a good standard. The recycling receptacles are very well located, but there should be a directional sign to indicate where they are. Watch the weed growth at kerbs and base of buildings.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

As always there is a very good response under this category. The houses on the approach roads look very nice, as do those within the town. There are some beautiful window boxes at some of the town houses and I also saw some beautiful well manicured gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

What a pity the "Men at Work" sign is totally hiding the lovely flower stone bed on the Glenamaddy road. The Welcome sign on the Tuam approach should be replaced, it looks rather tatty. You should strive to have uniform welcome signs erected on all of the approach roads. The appearance is generally good. The flower planting at the Gurteen approach looks very nice.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are doing a good job and your committee seem to be very dedicated. Dunmore has many natural amenities and open spaces and you are managing them very well. Keep up the good work and continued success for the future.