

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNGARVAN-KILKENNY**  
County : **KILKENNY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-97

|                                | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1997 | Mark Awarded 1996 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Overall Developmental Approach | 50           | 25                | --                |
| The Built Environment          | 40           | 20                | --                |
| Landscaping                    | 40           | 15                | --                |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30           | 15                | --                |
| Litter Control                 | 40           | 25                | --                |
| Tidiness                       | 20           | 13                | --                |
| Residential Areas              | 30           | 16                | --                |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas  | 40           | 20                | --                |
| General Impression             | 10           | 6                 | --                |
| <b>TOTAL MARK</b>              | <b>300</b>   | <b>155</b>        | <b>--</b>         |

## **Dungarvan-Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

We welcome Dungarvan to the Tidy Towns Competition and wish them every success in it. It is encouraging to note that your Committee has the support of Kilkenny County Council, FAS and your local school children all of which is vital if you are to progress in the competition. The secret of success is to plan to do a certain amount of work each year within your physical and financial resources and for that purpose you should draw up a 3 to 5-Year Plan in consultation with your Local Authority, FAS and your Community.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Dungarvan does not have buildings of exceptional architectural interest. The Church was well presented on adjudication day but the outside is in need of refurbishment - a major undertaking. The School building beside the Church also looked well but again also needs some refurbishment. The Grotto looked very nice but much more can be made of it through some flower planting. Commercial premises looked well. Unfortunately, the derelict house on the Waterford road detracts from the overall appearance of the village. The small display in the open space beside The Bar was also noted.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Dungarvan is a small compact area but nevertheless could lend itself to small-scale landscaping in terms of the judicious planting of trees and flowering shrubs which will give colour on an all-year-round basis. In that event please take the advice of your Local Authority, Coillte or some qualified person in your locality. The area on the approach road from Gowran would lend itself to this type of initiative. The emphasis however should be on judicious planting as to do otherwise leads to clutter. Your flower beds and hanging baskets have been noted on adjudication day as was the planting which has taken place on the Gowran road by a private individual.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

As your Committee has not been able to initiate any schemes initially a nominal mark has been given under this heading in this, your first year. Under this heading the emphasis is on the conservation and enhancement of wildlife habitat and the environment. Woodlands, rivers, ponds, hedgerows, grass margins, open spaces, graveyards and walls are important habitats. Your Committee should endeavour to identify these habitats in your area and then determine what appropriate actions might be taken to conserve and enhance them. The guidelines in the Tidy Towns book offer other suggestions as to the type of initiatives you might undertake. If there is a local wildlife expert or a member of your Community with experience in this area your Committee would be well advised to consult with them.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

There was practically litter to be seen in Dungarvan on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned.

## **TIDINESS**

On adjudication day the village was presented in a neat and tidy manner and again congratulations are due to all concerned.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Dungarvan does not have many private houses. Some were very well presented with very nice gardens. Others could do with a coat of paint.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

The approach road from Gowran was trimmed on adjudication day. As already stated this area would lend itself to landscaping in terms of planting of trees, shrubs and some flower beds. Other approach roads unfortunately were not trimmed. Adjudication normally takes place from either the speed limit signs or the village nameplates, whichever you opt for. It is important to have the verges trimmed within those confines. Road surfaces are good.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Although Dungarvan is a very small village it has the potential to do well in the competition. Careful planning and attention to detail will gain you additional marks next year. Your Committee has made a very good start. Try if possible to attend some of the Tidy Towns Seminars which are held by either your Local Authority or your Regional Tourism Authority during the year. Visit other centres such as Inistioge and Bennettsbridge and study what they have done. They too started from small beginnings. In such a small community it is important that you have the full support of all residents and commercial premises if you are to succeed in the competition.