

Tidy Towns 1997

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DULEEK**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	32
The Built Environment	40	25	24
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	192	185

Duleek, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed questionnaire, map, small brochure and five year plan. The plan sets out a realistic number of targets. Your relationship with the authorities is to be commended. Do not be disheartened by your marks this year. Although a lot of work was in evidence, the major disruption caused by pipelaying and drainage schemes at present has an effect on the appearance of the village. The involvement of local children in projects is to be commended.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The School looks well. Clarke's supermarket was well presented, as were the Credit Union and the pharmacy. Some of the commercial buildings could consider more traditional signage. There are some nice cottages in the village itself. The church and the parochial house were well maintained. The Duleek Development Association building requires attention as does Hair Creations. Nicolas's sported many floral displays. The graveyard was well presented. The area was free of litter and weeds. The GAA grounds had a newly painted gate. The Garda Station was reasonably well maintained. Duleek has such a rich heritage - it is wonderful to have such an asset.

LANDSCAPING

There is nice planting in many areas of Duleek. The hanging baskets looked well throughout the town. It was nice to see the Montbretia along the Drogheda Road. Some dead trees need to be removed. The use of Cordylines is not very sympathetic landscaping. The triangle area was well presented. Work was being carried out on the ladies toilets area and maintenance of stone walls was ongoing. The seat down by the river needed repainting. Paramadden Park had some nice planting - well done.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The river Nanny is the main potential area for wildlife. With regards to your plans to develop various areas of Duleek, consult with the local authority and come to an agreement as to the best area for development. Your sentiments with regards to using native trees and shrubs are commendable

LITTER CONTROL

Litter was evident on Station Road and opposite Millrace. The village had a scattering of litter. Education on the litter problem is a slow process but keep up the hard work. Litter bins were generally well maintained.

TIDINESS

An untidy area existed besides St. Cianan's Villas. There were quite a lot of weeds in the lower end of the town. Erratic cutting of hedges also contributed to an untidy air. In addition, there was a derelict area beside the Butchers.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New litter bins in St. Cianan's Villas were well presented. Abbeylands had some fine planting which was well looked after. The houses also looked well and were well painted. There were some lovely gardens and stone walls on the backroads. Millrace had some nice (but high maintenance) planting. Houses through the backroads were generally well presented and some had lovely front gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach on the school road was good. Some of the trees require a bit more maintenance. Overall, the approach was neat and tidy. Future resurfacing of the roads in the back areas is welcomed. The Navan road was recently cut back and there were no weeds in gutters along the path. The back roads were generally tidy and well kept.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Duleek has the right approach to the competition. The challenge as you have acknowledged is to keep the town tidy during the period of disruption. Undoubtedly, the village will expand as many towns and villages around Dublin are becoming home to more and more commuters. It is important that these new residents are made aware of the objectives of the Committee and that they play their part in keeping the village clean and tidy. The use of the Irish language is to be encouraged and this should be kept in mind when erecting new signs/information boards.