

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNGARVAN**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **E**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	39	39
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	20	21
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	5	5
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>192</b>

## **Dungarvan, Co. Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for a very well filled in application form, the 3-5 year work programme and a map of the town which was quite helpful. Unfortunately the street names were difficult to read and additionally many of the streets do not have street name signs. The Committee is to be very much congratulated for their success in liaising with Dungarvan U.D.C., Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce and Dungarvan Museum Society, the Local Authority and individual Residents Associations. This is quite an undertaking for the ten members of the Committee. The 3-5 year programme is excellent and you are wished every success in its implementation.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Dungarvan is a town with a very historic built environment including some unique historic features such as King Johns Castle and St Garvans Church. There are some very fine houses and buildings and most of these are well kept and painted. Approximately 10 acres of the town centre have been designated under the Urban Renewal Act 1994 and work is currently underway. Most of this activity centres on the quay/castle area. An essential part of the future plans is that the whole quay front will be upgraded. This together with the new building programme that is envisaged, will make quite a difference to the fabric of the town. It is hoped that in the process of this development, the wirescape of the town that detracts so much at the moment, will be considered and placed underground.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping proposals are excellent. It is hoped that this planting will consist mainly of the larger types of trees and that despite its quick effect, variegated poplar will be avoided. Grassed areas throughout are generally well kept. There is a very fine park at Maher Street.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Committee is to be congratulated on their efforts in relation to wildlife particularly your successful appeal to the Department of the Marine against a licence application for a clam growing farm.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

It is appreciated that in a town as large as Dungarvan that litter control is quite a problem. Your efforts in this regard are to be commended and your awareness campaigns are wished every success.

### **TIDINESS**

Similarly to litter control, it is appreciated that tidiness is also a problem in such a large area. Your approach of awareness is commended.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Dungarvan is a town with a very good housing stock. Streets and most of the estates were very well presented. The formation of Residents Groups should be encouraged if they are not already in place. Individual houses throughout were excellent, many with very fine gardens.

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

The lack of nameplates on most streets and roads make it very difficult to orient oneself in Dungarvan. There is a general lack of traffic signs and this extends even beyond Dungarvan. The finger sign on the main road from Ardmore does not include Dungarvan. Road markings are not strong/clear enough. It is understood that the Committee is unhappy with the present quality of signage so it is expected that this problem will be dealt with in the near future in conjunction with the Local Authority.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dungarvan is a very fine prosperous town, with fine buildings and houses. There are wonderful views and vistas and a lovely beach quite close to the town. It is appreciated that it is very difficult to monitor and organise a Tidy Town Programme but it is felt that over time this Committee will be successful through involvement of the whole community.