

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNHILL**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	21
The Built Environment	40	22	20
Landscaping	40	21	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	24	24
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	16	15
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	163	156

Dunhill, Co. Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The Tidy Town Committee is to be congratulated on their success with fund raising and in gaining the support of the local community and public bodies. Thank you for your comprehensively filled in form, and development plan and map. Dunhill has many very interesting features that it is an objective to enhance. These include two dolmans and two graveyards.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Dunhill is a small though imposing village. Its main building is a very fine Church and bell tower on the axis of the entry road, and at the highest point. The School and Village Hall look well with hanging baskets and Harneys Bar is well presented.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping in Dunhill is very appropriate and enhances the village within the larger framework. Verges and banks are well kept. The car park adjoining the Church is very well screened. The School grounds are very pleasant with suitable planting. The enclosed tennis court at the end of the car park is well maintained as are the tables in the picnic area. Because of the outstanding panoramic views from this hilltop village, perhaps a few additional seats (with litter bins adjoining) could be considered.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There seems to be no specific wildlife programme. It is suggested that some of the planting to be undertaken under this heading should also incorporate wildlife considerations. Perhaps the addition of those shrubs and flowers which attract butterflies could also be considered. With such a pollution free atmosphere many butterflies could be attracted. The attraction of ladybirds should also be considered. It is suggested that the local environmental expert be consulted.

LITTER CONTROL

There was hardly any litter evident on the day of adjudication.

TIDINESS

The shed which one passes on entering the village should be painted. Behind the pub some tidying up and screening would not go amiss.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

These are satisfactory and well presented particularly the two thatched cottages which are extremely picturesque with window boxes and hollyhocks along the gable wall.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The road signage on the approaching roads from Fenor all seem

to lack the direction sign for Dunhill. The local Authority should be approached to ensure that these are put in place. The Dunhill village sign should be repainted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The impression of Dunhill is of a village of great charm, beautifully sited and giving wonderful panoramic views of the surrounding countryside.