

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNCANNON**
County : **WEXFORD**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	22	20
The Built Environment	40	22	23
Landscaping	40	18	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	12
Litter Control	40	19	24
Tidiness	20	10	8
Residential Areas	30	20	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	20	20
General Impression	10	5	4
TOTAL MARK	300	151	147

Duncannon, Co. Wexford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The three year plan was very much appreciated and provides a challenging list of objectives. To make the document more persuasive with other local bodies, the Committee should ensure that there are some physical drawings outlining where projects will be undertaken and photographs would aid in identifying the particular items. These can be easily numbered and referred to on the map. It is important to keep the report brief and easy to read so as to update the information over future years.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The houses along the main street have been presented with a very strong theme of cottages with associated flower gardens which is quite unique because of the visual impact. Other recent works are very sympathetic to the traditional built environment. However more colour is needed in the presentation of buildings along the shore front. The quay was seen to be a very clean and ordered working space when visited and provided a very interesting area for a visitor to see when operating.

LANDSCAPING

The school had a very striking presentation of plants with a tremendous range of colour and screening. Many grass areas throughout the town are well maintained and Main Street has a very special image of concentrated small gardens with spectacular displays of colour. The report mentions the possibility of acquiring some boats for flower plantings in the immediate future. Given the efforts involved to provide this item it is suggested that perhaps the green space in front of the beach should be tacked with permanent planting and the broken up concrete be addressed so that there is a long term permanent gain from the efforts of the Committee.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The beach is a great asset to the town and plays a very important role in the overall setting. No mention is made as to how wildlife issues might be dealt with by the Committee. However it is clearly seen that the town has many valuable arrays of resources to develop in this field.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control requires further attention as litter was quite extensive through the areas where the visiting public used the amenity spaces, though the beach was very clean. The junction of Main Street with Strand Road requires greater attention. This could be aided by the provision of some litter bins.

TIDINESS

Entry roads were well tended but offset by the significant amount of loose gravel along kerbs and pavement surfaces. This often

encourages the random growth of weeds which again detracts from the efforts of the Committee.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residences need to be involved in a more integrated level so as to extend and increase the efforts being placed in visual improvements for the town. The development of the gardens along Main Street is a clear indication that this is easily achieved and the Committee should seek further assistance in this area. All gardens are well tended and some very good individual gardens indicate that progress can be easily made in this area.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Good entry roads but surfaces in poor condition.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The management plan presents a challenging list of projects which need to be integrated into an overall phased plan to ensure consistency. Simple improvements to the built environment such as the use of colour or ensuring clean paved surfaces will significantly improve the image of the town, while the connection to the beach at the various entry points needs minor improvements to ensure that this important resource is managed and advertised properly.