

"Caring for our environment"

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

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-98

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1998	Mark Awarded 1997
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	25
The Built Environment	40	21	20
Landscaping	40	19	15
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	18	16
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	20
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	167	155

Dungarvan, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the information supplied with your entry form and for the map which was most useful on adjudication day. The comments made regarding your overall development were noted and sites mentioned were visited. It is encouraging to see that you have maintained the support of your local community and that a FAS worker has been assigned to your village. Do keep in touch with your local authority who we feel certain will help if and when possible.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Again the church and school looked well and were well presented on adjudication day. However the comments in last year's report are still applicable. The Grotto looked nice again and the addition of flowers on this occasion has been noted. Unfortunately the derelict house is still an eyesore. If you have not already done so, you should contact Kilkenny County Council on this as they do have some powers in the matter.

LANDSCAPING

A very nice flower garden was noted in the centre of the village as were the hanging baskets and tubs which looked very well on adjudication day. Comments made under this heading last year regarding landscaping are still applicable.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It would appear that you have not been able to carry out any project under this heading so a nominal mark will be allocated again this year. However it is an area which you might consider for next year at which time and if there was one available, a local wildlife expert may be of help to you.

LITTER CONTROL

There was almost no litter to be seen in Dungarvan on adjudication day. Congratulations to all concerned.

TIDINESS

The village was again presented in a very neat and tidy manner and has benefited very much from your landscaping efforts and the work done by Kilkenny County Council on your car park.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Private houses were again very nicely presented and this is obviously a strong point in your Tidy Towns effort. It is also an important aspect of the competition as, in small villages, the involvement of the entire community is essential.

ROADS, STREET AND BACK AREAS

There was evidence of the trimming of approach roads having taken place but in inclement weather this needs constant monitoring. Present thinking is that committees should not trim right back to the hedges but should leave a margin for the propagation of wild flowers. In other words only cut within 18 inches of the wall or hedge for that purpose. Road surfaces, into and in the village, are good. There was some evidence of weeding in the gutters and this can be unsightly. There was also weeding in the church grounds which again looked unsightly and should be eliminated.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dungarvan looked very nice on adjudication day. The work which you have carried out has certainly improved the overall appearance of the village and the support which you are getting from commercial premises and private residences is excellent. Comments made under this heading last year are still applicable. You are doing excellent work and have made a substantial improvement to the environment of your village.