

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FINGLAS**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-1999

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 1999 | Mark Awarded 1998 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 31 | 31 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 29 | 28 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 22 | 21 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 12 | 12 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 25 | 24 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 | 11 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 20 | 19 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 23 | 23 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 6 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 180 | 175 |

Finglas, Co. Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and map. It would be a good idea if you drafted a 3-5 year plan for Finglas. It helps pull the community spirit together, which can prove useful in a large area such as Finglas. Your committee's efforts over the past years are to be commended.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment throughout Finglas has considerably improved. The shopping centre areas all looked quite impressive on the day of adjudication and the presence of flower beds and hanging baskets added a welcome splash of colour to the area. The AIB looked very well on the day of adjudication. However the National Irish bank could do with a facelift and the area to the forecourt of the ESB office was quite untidy and overgrown. The Burmah Garage was very well presented with some nice floral arrangements to the front of its premises. Foodfare and Merson Estates also looked quite well. The area to the front of Terry Flowers and Gifts was very disappointing.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping around the monument looked very well on the day of adjudication and we recommend that you continue with your tree and shrub planting throughout Finglas.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Perhaps you could look at developing some projects under this section for next year's competition in particular for the Tolka Valley area. ENFO or Conservation Volunteers Ireland would give you some ideas if you do not have any Wildlife expertise on your committee. It is always a popular concept with children and a good way to involve them in your work. We welcome your wildlife gardens and co-operation with the tree nursery estate management and the involvement of schoolchildren.

LITTER CONTROL

Overall, litter control was quite good in Finglas, there were some minor amounts of litter in some areas but control in this area seems to be improving. Some disappointing areas were in front of the chip shop on the main street. There was also some incidental amounts of litter to the front of the AIB despite the presence of two litter bins, we welcome your painting competition in the schools as the creation of an awareness in litter control is very important especially amongst young people.

TIDINESS

Graffiti is still a problem in Finglas, however efforts from your committee have been otherwise noted and we commend you on your progress to date. It is also important to involve the whole business sector of your community in your campaign. Some of the most untidy areas were to the front of business premises in the town, i.e. the chip shop on the main street, the area to the front of the ESB, Terry's Flowers and Gifts was totally overgrown with weeds and very badly littered. The area to

the front of the church was very tidy as was the area around the new monument.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There was a high standard of appearance of residential areas throughout Finglas on the day of adjudication. Willow Park was very highly presented as was the Tolka Estate. It is quite important to highlight the need for the removal of weeds along kerbside edging and at the base of walls. Overall, we were very impressed with the standard of presentation in this area.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads into Finglas were all quite well presented on the day of adjudication. The main street through Finglas and Jamestown and Willow Park Roads looked quite well.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Finglas looked very well and we congratulate your committee on the hard work completed over the past year. We wish you well in your work for the year ahead.