

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **MALAHIDE**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **F**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-99

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	32	30
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	24	21
Litter Control	40	28	27
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	27
General Impression	10	8	8
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>213</b>

## **Malahide, County Dublin**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed application form and comprehensive back up materials which were of great assistance to the adjudicators on the day of adjudication. We congratulate you on the hard work carried out over the past year and on the difficult task of maintaining standards in Malahide as a very popular place for visitors.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

All commercial premises in Malahide were extremely well presented, the streetscapes were also presented to a high standard; the abundance of floral displays and colourful baskets greatly enhance the overall appearance of the town. Buildings worthy of particular mention were the Casino, The National Irish Bank, Gibneys, Vinny Vannucchi's Restaurant and Breakers. We look forward to the final completion of building work being carried out on the Grand Hotel and the proposed monument in the green area to the front of Malahide Marina.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping throughout Malahide is of an exceptional standard. We commend you on your programme of tree planting in particular the green area to the front of Malahide Marina, we look forward to this programme being extended in the future. Malahide Demesne is beautifully landscaped and looked particularly well on the day of adjudication.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The beach area and Malahide Castle Demesne were very well presented on the day of adjudication and are a wonderful amenity for residents and visitors to Malahide alike. Malahide Estuary is a fine natural amenity for Malahide; perhaps more suitable facilities could be encouraged for vehicles using the grass verges alongside the estuary. It was noted that this area is being destroyed and there was a lot of litter in evidence along the banks of the estuary from the railway bridge to the boat club.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control throughout Malahide was extremely good on the day of adjudication. All the main streets and residential areas were virtually litter free, with few exceptions, these being: the area alongside the estuary from the railway bridge; and the area at the back of the Tennis and Yacht Clubs. We do appreciate that Malahide has a large number of visitors during the summer months and the provision of more litter bins, particularly along the estuary area should help alleviate the problem. Otherwise, well done.

## **TIDINESS**

The appearance of Malahide was one of tidiness on the day of adjudication. We would ask you to continue with your vigilance to the removal of grass and weeds from the base of walls and kerb edges. The railway foot bridge looked very well as did the toilets and shelters at the beach. The entrance to Milford estate again this year could be more tidy. We commend you on efforts to curb graffiti in Malahide.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residential areas of Malahide were all very well presented which reflects the commitment and shared sense of responsibility in the community. Areas which are worthy of particular mention include: Ard na Mara, Chalfont, Biscayne and Millview. Many of the other residential areas had beautifully presented gardens. Also very well presented were some of the attractive residences along the main streets of the village. Some areas could do with encouragement in keeping grass verges cut back.

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

The approach roads into the village and the main street were very well presented with some very colourful floral displays and the directional signs were very well maintained. The Sylvan approach into Malahide is outstanding. The back roads were also very well maintained. Well done.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Malahide looked very well and we congratulate your committee on the clean and tidy appearance of your area. We wish you well in your work for the year ahead and look forward to every aspect of your development plan being implemented.

## **SECOND ADJUDICATION (11/08/99)**

Litter control was good and buildings in the town centre well presented during second adjudication, however it was odd to see weed growth in the gutters over the Paper Weight Stationers and the Dublin Wine Company. Trees are maturing well around the town and flower beds and shrubberies are attractive and are making their contribution to the pleasant ambience of the town. The Marina Village has settled in beautifully to its environment and landscaping here has been very successful. Numerous green areas around the town are being beautifully maintained and are most enticing in their presentation. Footpath surfaces are generally good as is the presentation of street furniture. It is a pleasure to note the wirescape free aspect of the centre of Malahide town. Weed growth was noted along the stretch of kerb leading down to the estuary at the sailing school. This is probably one of few aspects of untidiness around the town. No doubt the few remaining undeveloped sites which do look untidy will be developed in due time. The new stone retaining walls to the railway bridge look really well. Perhaps the pillars marking the entrance might be repainted/cleared of graffiti. Well done on an excellent presentation this year and a substantial increase in marks.