

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **RAHENY**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	24	23
Landscaping	40	27	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	22
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	186	180

Raheny, Co. Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application form and supporting documentation, which were of assistance to the adjudicators. We note your updated three-year plan and suggest that a timetable be devised by which to have specific projects completed. This can help when seeking support from various bodies and also in concentrating efforts of the committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There has been improvement in the presentation of buildings in general in Raheny. Encourage the replacement of plastic signage where it still exists, as this would further enhance the streetscape. We acknowledge your comments regarding the works required at the railway-bridge and encourage you to keep pursuing this. The Station House was once again well presented followed by the Crescent cottages that add so much to the village. The FAS group is to be congratulated on its work in the Catholic and Church of Ireland grounds that added to the overall appearance of Raheny Village. The library and its grounds were very well maintained.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping project at Sybil Hill/Howth Rd junction is very attractive, although consideration should be given to welcome signs that would help in establishing the boundary of Raheny. The linear park along the Howth Road, particularly at the Sybil Hill end, would benefit from some landscaping, colourful shrubbery for year round effect and/or floral displays. The landscaping at the library was presented well to a high standard. We also note the clean up in the Youth Club which was greatly improved.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Once again, we would encourage you to try to progress work on the Santry River. There is a great opportunity to greatly enhance this natural amenity in the town. A sub-committee should be established to make this a priority project as Raheny has the potential to gain significant marks in this section if this project could be completed. While further work is required on Foxes Lane, there is some improvement here.

LITTER CONTROL

In general, litter control was good in the town. There was some incidental litter near the shopping area, at the Dart Station and in the lane to the station and also along the James Larkin Road, plastic bags etc. We note your efforts in generating awareness about litter in the shopping area, which appear to be successful. The Howth Road and linear park area were litter free.

TIDINESS

Your work on controlling the graffiti problem is noted. However there was still some in evidence. The newly paved section in the shopping area beside the library is very attractive and greatly enhances this part of the town. The new lamp and flower tubs are also very attractive. Further attention to weed control at base of trees, base of walls and kerbsides could earn you extra marks in this section.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of residential areas is very high. Residents should be further encouraged to extend their work to the verges, kerbsides and common areas to bring these areas up to the standard of private gardens. Most notably, the Maywood and BettyGlen areas have reached very high standards. Rathmore Park was very well kept and attractive with beautiful displays of flowers. We look forward to the new cast iron signage for estates that are in your future plans, as this will further enhance the residential areas. Local competitions have great impact on raising the standard of residential areas and should be considered for next year.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

As mentioned, welcome signs to Raheny would add to the urban village atmosphere. The landscaping at Sybil has added to the Howth Road approach. This could be extended to the other approaches at James Larkin Road and Watermill Road. We note the extra litter bins that have been provided. Attention should be given to some back lanes.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your committee are to be congratulated on work achieved to date and this is reflected in your increase in marks this year. Raheny is in a difficult position as a busy urban village with much through traffic, although you should be encouraged with your progress to date. We would very much encourage more towns and villages in your situation to participate in the competition as much can be achieved for your community through participation. The Santry River project and further attention to overall tidiness could prove very worthwhile projects for Raheny for the future.