

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SHANKILL**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	27	26
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	197	189

Shankill, Co. Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application form, map and outline of developments in Shankill over the past year. Well done on the improvements brought about to date and we look forward to seeing the successful implementation of your future plans. You seem to have good input and co-operation from various groups in your area. The Peace Park would also be an innovative and wonderful addition to further enhance the uniqueness of Shankill. Whilst the aspirations expressed in your report are highly commendable, new contacts with FÁS and further discussion with the County Council are needed to bring about real progress.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The streetscape in the village is attractive and colourful, giving a quaint feel to the village and acting as an excellent focus point for the area. It shows good co-operation between local shops and business premises. We note that some improvement has occurred to Seaview service station, although further improvement is necessary at the far exit, close to Seaview Park. While making note of your comments regarding graffiti it seems that no attempt has been made to remove graffiti noted in the report last year on the rear delivery area of SuperValu Shopping Centre. The church is well maintained. However the area outside Community Action Employment Centre needs to be upgraded to bring it up to the high standard reflected in the main village centre. The bilingual signs evident throughout the housing estates and entrances to the village are welcome.

LANDSCAPING

The entrance to Shanganagh Cemetery is very attractive but it was disappointing to see the proliferation of litter throughout the car park. Trees throughout Shankill are well presented and enhance the landscape significantly. The large flower boxes and trees positioned in the centre of the village are a delightful enhancement and we particularly note their presence. The open spaces throughout the housing estates were particularly well maintained. The targets you have set to plant 2000 young trees in public, commercial and private sites is highly commendable and most necessary around Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Naomh Anna. We look forward to seeing your plans come to fruition into the new millennium.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The proposal regarding bird boxes is welcome, however we saw no evidence of them throughout Shankill. We support the conservation of hedgerows and wildlife areas, both surrounding open spaces in housing estates and on the Dublin-Bray Road and Bray-Dublin Road, which will make for attractive entrances into the village. We would also suggest compiling a specific environmental plan next year for the development of your wildlife and natural amenity areas.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control in general throughout Shankill seems to be well managed and the special attention given to Shankill village and the main Bray-Dublin Road since last year has yielded impressive results. However, the Shanganagh Road is in terrible condition with major concentrations of litter visible which seems to have been there for a long time. No effort has been made to address this problem despite the fact it was highlighted in last year's report. This needs your immediate attention as it detracts from improvements made elsewhere. A litter control plan needs to be extended to areas not in the immediate village. More litter bins are needed, particularly at bus stops. Dumping of rubbish bags and scattering of litter in Shanganagh Cemetery Car Park needs immediate attention. Praise should however be given to the housing estates where minimal litter was present even in communal areas, although there was sporadic litter at the entrance of Rathmicheal Woods.

TIDINESS

Improvements are steadily being made in this area of the competition and we found the village relatively tidy in most areas. Graffiti still remains a problem but you are making progress on the weed growth at the kerb and we commend your efforts here. The receptacles for recycling are unobtrusive while very accessible to the public. Again, Shanganagh Road needs a great deal of attention, as it was very unsightly on the day of adjudication.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The high standard and attractiveness of the housing estates stands out and shows the results of a great deal of community involvement, we welcome the inclusion of Seaview Park and Lawns to your plan. Houses are well maintained and gardens are lovely and colourful. The communal areas deserve particular praise. Some attention is needed for Aubrey Park to bring it up to the high standard of other areas. While Crinken Glen looked very well overall, it was disappointing to see an abandoned car and a large galvanised truck container on the side of the road, particularly as efforts were being made close by to enhance the hedgerow. Graffiti was also evident in St. Anne's Park even though obvious attempts were made to clean it up. The grounds of the houses on Cherrington Road were beautifully landscaped. Bilingual signposting within housing estates was noted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The stone, bilingual signs at the both entrances of the Bray-Dublin Road look very well and this road was attractively presented with minor incidents of litter. There are however rusty signposts which need replacing in Shankill, eg. stop signs and county council signs on the road. The Health Centre finger post sign on the Lower road was falling down. The flowers at the roundabout on Quinn's road were lovely and all the car parks were generally well maintained.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The commitments and efforts made by the Tidy Towns Committee and other groups have brought about noticeable improvements in Shankill over past years and we hope to see these continue into the future.