

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **SUTTON**  
County : **DUBLIN**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	32	30
The Built Environment	40	26	25
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	22	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	21
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>185</b>

## **Sutton, Co. Dublin**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

You are to be congratulated on a very thorough action plan devised for Sutton up to 2000. There are many practical suggestions in this plan and hopefully many projects will be completed for next year's competition. The key to the success of this plan clearly involves many different sectors of the community, both business and voluntary. Fingal County Council has displayed their commitment to the town by including Sutton in the Urban Villages Renewal Scheme and that will be of significant benefit to your committee and indeed the town as a whole. The committee is a good size and appears to be working well; however there is still work to be done.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Sutton Cross is well presented and has improved greatly over the years. Superquinn and the surrounding businesses are to be congratulated on achieving this high standard of presentation. Pursue plans to have overhead wires underground as this will greatly enhance the streetscape at this focal point in the village. Problems still remain with derelict site at Superquinn and we understand your position in this regard. The suggested restoration project for St. Fintan's Well would add to the heritage aspect of the town and a time schedule should be developed for the project. The improvements at the Dinghy Club are to be commended; however the railings from the Dinghy club along Strand road are in urgent need of repair and repainting and detract from this scenic area. Business premises are presented to a high standard and the addition of various floral displays makes the shopping area more attractive and raises the standard. Consideration should be given to planting some flowering shrubs for year round effect. The Church of Ireland was attractively presented. St. Fintan's Church and graveyard appear to be well maintained and litter free.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The use of excellent flower tubs at Sutton Cross adds a welcome splash of colour to the town. The tree and shrub-planting programme is to a high standard.

There are a number of other sites which could benefit from some landscaping - e.g. along the Strand Road and at Greenfield Road opposite the Church.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Sutton is uniquely placed to promote its natural wildlife, flora, fauna and coastal habitats - this is even more reason why it such a shame that the display panel already in place on Strand road remains empty. This must be a priority for next year. In addition, consideration should be given to erecting another panel perhaps along the Burrows Road highlighting the beach area, dunes etc. The litter deposits at Lee Shore require urgent attention and should be adopted as a priority project. This area has great potential especially for gaining marks in this section for Sutton.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The committee is to be commended on litter control in the shopping areas that are very good with only incidental litter in the car park and around one bin. However, it was disappointing to note litter scattered in the car park of the Dart station and along Burrows Road. Indeed, the laneway to the beach at Burrows Road had much litter. There is a need for more litterbins in this area. There was some incidental litter scattered on the green at the top of the Strand road where it meets Greenfield Rd.

## **TIDINESS**

Graffiti is a significant problem in the Sutton area. It can be seen in the laneway to the beach at Burrows Rd, along several walls leading to this area as well as on many ESB boxes, bins. Etc. This detracts from Sutton which otherwise has a tidy and well cared for appearance. The broken wall along Greenfield Rd (opposite the Church) should be repaired or demolished.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The local community is to be commended on the very high standard of presentation of residential areas. There is quite a mix between small housing developments, old and new and residences along the main roads of Howth Road and Carrickbrack road, yet the standard of private gardens is very high throughout. Duncarraig and Offington were of an exceptional standard. Residents should be further encouraged to extend their work to kerb sides, verges and common areas to complete the picture. We look forward to the completion of the Corr Castle development.

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

The approach from the Dublin Road was well presented and litter free. In general, roads are well maintained. Again, I would draw your attention to back roads - the narrow road leading to Burrows road is unattractive, with overgrown weeds, graffiti etc. Perhaps the committee would consider having welcome signs on all entrance routes, which helps create a village atmosphere and is welcoming to visitors. Strand Road has the potential to be a most scenic route; however the broken railings, some litter and some weeds detract from this road. Also, Greenfield road overlooking Lee shore would benefit from more attention and tidying up.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Sutton has the benefit of a comprehensive three-year plan and a well organised Tidy Towns Committee. Significant results have been achieved over the past number of years and once again your efforts are reflected in this years marks. There are a number of projects that, on completion, have the potential to gain additional marks for Sutton next year. The areas of wildlife, graffiti and some minor litter problems as outlined above require most attention. Keep up the good work.