

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNMORE**
County : **GALWAY**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 15-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	30
The Built Environment	40	19	18
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	21
Litter Control	40	19	20
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	17	16
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	172	170

Dunmore, County Galway

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the Chairman's letter and the accompanying map which was useful . Unfortunately it did not give the location of the Pheasant Pens. There is no doubt that Dunmore is experiencing a building boom which is great for the town, but does create problems in relation to keeping it tidy. Good to see removal of derelict buildings, but unfortunately Dunmore does appear to have more than its fair share. Traffic through the town on the Ballyhaunis-Tuam Road impacts heavily on everyday life. It is good to note that you are involved with the local county and national agencies.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are some interesting buildings in Dunmore and in time it is hoped that the potential of all will be realised. The Abbey restoration could be wonderful. At present the ugly building beside it detracts from it, though in fact this building itself has a lovely stone arch which is currently painted over. There is a beautiful and beautifully maintained stone house between the garage and the church, which is the outstanding building in the town. The Old Sun Dial is an attractive feature - a pity it had to be enclosed with iron railings. It is hoped that the new library will have architectural merit, as the current temporary building adds nothing to the built environment. Could find no sign of Picnic Area in lay-by on the Tuam Road mentioned in your application. The Garda Barracks is an attractive building, but weeds abound in the gravel bed and the hedges require trimming. The Community Centre needs painting, the school also? Opposite the church, while the grounds are well kept, the railings are rusting away from lack of paint.

LANDSCAPING

Work is in progress in the Community School landscaping and this could not be taken into consideration for this year's competition. It was noted that the rear gates of the school needed painting and the temporary buildings had a necklace of weeds around them. The golf course is developing, but it will be some time before all of your efforts come to fruition. Flower tubs and beds were noted throughout the town. The fair green will be a great asset when completed, it is beginning to look well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Could not find any sign of the Bird Sanctuary or the fore mentioned Pheasant Pens.

LITTER CONTROL

Despite your efforts and the involvement of the schools, there was an appreciable amount of litter, particularly on the River Walk - no bin was in evidence. However the Square was relatively litter free.

TIDINESS

When all current building work is complete, Dunmore will be tidier. There is a lot of dereliction spread throughout the town which makes tidiness difficult, but keep working on it.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The town has a mixture of business/home and detached houses on the approach roads. In the main they are well kept and some are very attractive.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Tuam approach road has a very good surface, a lovely new wall, but the lay-by is unsightly and a parking ground for lorry trailers. Parts of this road had kerbside weeds and litter. The road from Claremorris is narrow and has numerous bends before reaching the town proper; work is in progress nearer the town and will look good when completed. On the Ballyhaunis Road weeds were in abundance at the sign denoting Dunmore. The approach needs to be tidied up. The Glenamaddy Road provides the most attractive entry to the town, even taking into account the on-going house-building.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dunmore has great potential in relation to the competition. Much has been achieved. Ironically the building boom is a double-edged sword, but sooner rather than later Dunmore will succeed. Keep up the good work.