

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUAGH**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 22-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	30
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	18	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	188	188

DUAGH, CO. KERRY

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for submitting completed entry form and details of work planned. You do not mention whether you are keeping to 3-5 year plan. Although Duagh is small and reasonably compact, you need a vision of how it will look in five years time. The changes since last year have been minimal. The footpath put down by the council has improved this area and blends in well with the new village housing scheme. It is noticed that most of the new housing is developing away from the village - on the road to Tobar Mhuire. There are many ideal sites in the village core that would benefit from infill development. Many of the badly presented areas mentioned in the previous reports are still without progress.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings praised in last years report look well again this year. Commercial premises should be encouraged not to erect too many signs - which are really unnecessary in a small rural village. Has the Heritage Centre displays on artefacts relating to the area? - there is no signage to this affect. The engineering works is still very poorly presented and needs improvement. Also there are abandoned cars at the rear of one premises that should be removed. The public buildings looked well again this year.

LANDSCAPING

The stone flower beds at the village entrance are commendable. You should consider an attractive Fáilte sign at each of the two principal entrances to the village. You should also consider a tree planting blitz for the first year of the new Millennium. The landscaping fronting the school is attractive. You need more colour in Duagh. You have numerous small unattended open spaces that lend themselves to some landscaping.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Could you get a school project going under this heading. The river bridge area might be best to start on. Even the listing of the wildlife would be a good start and would generate interest.

LITTER CONTROL

Apart from a few crisp bags the litter control is good throughout. This reflects well on those trading in wrapped

goods.

TIDINESS

Your problem here is with overgrown unattended sites. Boundary walls on many houses are badly in need of painting and their present condition projects an image of untidiness. Some timber fencing is well beyond saving stage and should be replaced. When developing boundary walls it is best to use traditional type building materials that reflect the traditions of the areas. Fancy plaster work is incongruous in Duagh.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard of development and maintenance is good throughout and many private houses have some excellent displays of flowers. Again, you have some unoccupied houses that are keeping your standards down in this section. You still need to encourage owners of unpainted corrugated roofs to paint them.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Large untidy forecourts are letting you down in this section. Side and rear entrances are equal in importance to front entrances and should be maintained to a high standard. Some signage is quite rusty and needs attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are holding your standard, but more community participation is necessary if you are to raise your marks. At the start of each season you should list your aims for village improvement and try to tackle the black spots referred to in this and previous reports. The village has potential to be a high scorer in the competition. Good luck for the future.