

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNDERRY**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	--
The Built Environment	40	28	--
Landscaping	40	25	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	--
Litter Control	40	23	--
Tidiness	20	11	--
Residential Areas	30	22	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	--
General Impression	10	6	--
TOTAL MARK	300	184	--

Dunderry, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Dunderry is welcome back into the Competition after an absence of 8 years. The before and after photographs show the improvements that have already taken place. The map was helpful and the work programme outlined in your entry form was noted. The comments in this report are intended to be helpful and should not be regarded as criticism. A first step should be the preparation of a plan which would set out your objectives for the village, how you propose to conserve and enhance its character and also outlining a work programme and time table. The Tidy Town handbook would be of great assistance in the preparation of this Plan.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The presentation of the school and shop is good. The Church, Hall and Pubs are satisfactory. The overall impression of the village is drab. Painting would greatly help especially painting of concrete walls and gables.

LANDSCAPING

A considerable amount of landscaping work was being undertaken especially planting flower beds at pump, road junctions, the Community Hall, Fr. Flood Park, etc. Concrete containers have also been planted as set out in your entry form. However flower beds can be overdone. For example there are too many small flowerbeds at Fr. Flood Park and while colourful, the overall effect is somewhat fussy. Small flower beds around trees and the use of tyres is not to be encouraged. The flower beds at the village name sign on the Trim Road and at the 30 m.p.h. sign on the Navan Road are too small to make an impact. The trees around the school and the Community Hall and Fr. Flood Park contribute greatly to the appearance of the village. There is also scope for planting additional trees at new houses on the Athboy and Navan roads. The well painted boundary wall of the football field is a fine feature. Planting could be carried out here as well, possibly ivy or one of the cotoneaster species. Appropriate planting can make an important contribution to the appearance of the village. Advice should be sought on what is most appropriate.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENTIES

The stream is an important wildlife habitat and more of a feature could be made of it. Trees and berried shrubs are also important. The school children could be involved in

identifying a range of habitats in and around the village.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control is reasonably satisfactory. The new litter bins should be a big help. There is, however, no room for complacency as a light scattering of litter was noticed in several locations in the Community Hall Park and grass verges of approach roads.

TIDINESS

The village has a cared-for appearance. The appearance of the village will be further enhanced as further improvements are made.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are several attractive new houses in the village. A number still have to complete landscaping work. Good quality stone boundary walls were a feature. The approaches and grounds of Fr. Flood Park are well kept.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The maintenance of the verges on the approach roads is uneven with some margins closely cut and others untended. Trees might also be planted in suitable margins. Re-gravelling would improve the boundary area of the football field. Potholes were noted in the road margin between the school and church. The parking around Horans is bare. Some large well planted flower tubs would help. The stone wall opposite Fr. Flood Park is a nice feature. Some repair work is necessary. A number of road signs need attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The village has a good base to build on. Significant improvements can be made. Prepare a plan and seek advice where necessary. Good Luck.