

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNDRUM**  
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 16-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	20	20
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	23	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	10	10
Litter Control	40	27	26
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	22	22
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>159</b>

## **Dundrum, County Tipperary South**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The entry form and map were very useful. It is gratifying to read that you have the assistance of a FAS scheme and through this that a lot of work has been done. You have received an in-depth report from last year's adjudicator. The following should be read within the context of that report and are by way of comments on progress to date.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Comments made by last year's adjudicator under this heading are still applicable. Some of your public buildings look well, others are still in need of attention. Commercial buildings in the main looked well. However, open storage is still a problem.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Dundrum has many open spaces needing constant attention. These looked well; nevertheless, regular cutting would give them a crisp appearance to the betterment of the overall presentation. It would appear that the limited landscaping has taken place since last year and was observed on adjudication day.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your comments under this heading have been noted. However, the thinking at the moment is that a committee should select an entire site in or near the adjudication area which they would preserve and develop for the attraction of wildlife. There is information on this aspect of the Competition in the Tidy Towns Handbook. In addition, you might consult with the Irish Wildlife Conservancy. In the event of your committee undertaking such a project please include reference to it in the next year's entry form indicating where the project is being developed so that the adjudicator can have sight of it. In the meantime, a nominal mark will be given under this heading.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Unfortunately some litter was evident in Dundrum; this is an aspect of the Competition which needs constant monitoring. In this respect, your comment regarding new litter bins has been noted.

### **TIDINESS**

Many of the comments made by last year's adjudicator

under this heading are still applicable. It is appreciated that, in many instances, the occurrence of untidiness is a matter outside the control of the Tidy Towns Committee and we can only suggest to them that they try to encourage business premises, in as far as possible, to co-operate with them under this heading. The problem is not insurmountable and can be solved with co-operation.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The housing estate in the centre of the village looked well and was free of litter. Many private houses looked extremely well and had some lovely gardens which were in full bloom. The co-operation of residents is all important in the Competition. If you have not already done so, do have a representative from private house owners on your Committee.

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

Approach roads to the village were reasonably good but need constant monitoring. Adjudication normally takes place from the village nameplates inwards. Perhaps this type of cutting is something which can be handled by your FAS workers. Approach roads are very important in the Competition as they tend to set the tone for the rest of the village. Roads surfaces in general in the village are reasonable and paving is being well maintained. Nevertheless, many comments made by last year's adjudicator are still applicable.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dundrum is a very nice village with the potential to do well in the Competition. To do so however it is felt that it will be essential for you to draw up a 3 to 5 year plan. This can be simply done in conjunction with your Local Authority, FAS and a local development group [should one exist] and be implemented on a year-to-year basis within your physical and financial resources. Many towns and villages who started out with similar problems to your own are now doing exceedingly well in the Competition as a result of careful and forward planning. Your Regional Tourism Authority [based in Waterford City] also runs a Tidy Towns Seminar each year with many specialist guest speakers. This is well worth attending. In the meantime keep up the good work.