

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNHILL**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	25
The Built Environment	40	25	23
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	25	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	182	175

Dunhill, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you again for your entry form, detailed map of the village area and information on work being planned or completed over the year. You continue to maintain good relationships with Waterford County Council, ESB and Telecom Éireann and that they have been very helpful with your long-term plans. Perhaps you might also contact FÁS and/or the National Rehabilitation Board, who will also have valuable advice in helping you with your long-term plans. Again as last year you continue to have a very small Committee and I would suggest that you recruit persons from the other organisations and clubs in the village to help you with your workload. The Urban and Village Renewal Scheme will also help with your Tidy Towns efforts. Despite it being difficult to get fund-raising you have achieved quite a lot this year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Most of your important buildings are well maintained throughout. The Grotto is presented beautifully but the railing is rusting and does need attention. The maintenance of the pub is again very good and the Church is looked after very well. It is good to see a ramp at the Church for persons with mobility problems. Both graveyards are kept in very good condition - perhaps the one away from the Church does need to be painted. Again the School is in excellent condition and the boundary wall does look very smart. The Community Hall is well presented and looks very neat and tidy. The building between the pub and the Community Hall does need attention and perhaps you might be able to discuss with the owner ways and means of improving it. The Enterprise Centre is a lovely building and well done to all concerned. The sign on the GAA building is suffering from weathering and does need to be repainted. Also the weeds at the entrance to the pitch and buildings do need attention. One looks forward to seeing the Bell Tower completed and perhaps a suitable plaque will be erected near it outlining its history, etc.

LANDSCAPING

I note from last year's adjudication report that you were liaising with a landscaper to give you advise to improve and maintain the landscaping which is in the village. No doubt this will be incorporated with the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme. The fuchsia shrubs on the Bonmahon road continue to be well maintained and are maturing very well. Continuing onto the Grotto, again, a delightful selection of

shrubs and maintained in excellent condition. The open green space at the entrance to the housing estate does need more attention. The grass at the wall around the pole and signpost does need to be cut. Perhaps the landscape consultant may have some ideas for this area. The open space across from the pub on the corner, was neat and tidy but the railing does need attention there. Perhaps some more suitable shrubs could be planted there. Repainting of the Pump will be necessary sooner rather than later. Some very nice planting was observed in the stone planters containing the signs on the Bunmahon and Waterford road.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

It was good to see that the Anne Valley Project has started and that it will attract and be a haven for wildlife. If you need some advice please do contact the Irish Wildlife Conservancy who will be glad to give whatever assistance and help you need. (There is also some useful information in the Tidy Towns Handbook which your Committee received this year on page 65.) Please do indicate its location when sending in next year's entry form on the map so that the adjudicator can see it. Well done to all concerned for making a start on this project. It will provide enjoyment for local people and will help create an awareness of the wildlife in your village and area.

LITTER CONTROL

Your overall control and management of litter is good. There were a few small pieces scattered throughout the village - they were observed at the Grotto, in the car park opposite the Church, opposite the Community Centre and some near the housing estate on the Kill road. The control of litter needs continuous monitoring. Issues to be considered would be the provision of more litter bins in the right place and frequent emptying of same. It was good to see that you have notices and a School Awareness programme in operation. The energy and interest of young people can be harnessed by the local Tidy Towns Committee. Also seek involvement from youth organisations such as Foroige, Macra, Scouts and Youth Clubs, etc.

TIDINESS

There is an absence of fly posting and graffiti throughout the village again this year. There were some small amounts of weeds in the School car park area and on the Kill road. Also the kerbs on the housing estate do need attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses in the village continue to be well maintained

and that includes the two thatched houses. The new houses on the Kill road have to complete the building of walls and landscaping. When this is done it should enhance the entrance there. The housing estate is maintained in a fairly good condition; again attention needs to be given to some of the railings and boundary walls where they exist. The kerbs do need attention where there was a lot of weed growth. The building next to the thatched house does need to be painted.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The parking area across from the Grotto was well kept and had very little weed and grass growth this year. The approach roads are well maintained with the exception of the Kill road which did need to be tidied up. There is a new footpath around the School and it would need to be extended to the Community Hall. Some of the signs would need to be cleaned, in particular the one on the Waterford road planter and one at the School.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

You are doing trojan work for a small Committee. Your plans are beginning to bear fruit. No doubt the Urban and Village Renewal Scheme will help your work. When all the work under this Scheme is completed it should enhance the village. The efforts that your Committee are making will be reflected in the progress which you will make and have made over the past few years and in the next few years. Try to do something every year within your physical and financial resources. Well done and continued success to all the Committee Members.