

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNMORE EAST**  
County : **WATERFORD**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 24-06-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	--
The Built Environment	40	35	--
Landscaping	40	28	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	23	--
Litter Control	40	32	--
Tidiness	20	16	--
Residential Areas	30	19	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	--
General Impression	10	6	--
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>--</b>

## **Dunmore East, County Waterford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for all the information submitted with your entry form and the map of the area which was useful to the adjudicator. A very warm welcome to Dunmore East back to the Competition after an absence of two years. Tidy Towns Committees are now required to produce a plan which will guide their activities. The plan should be a simple 3 to 5 page document and should cover a period of 3 to 5 years clearly setting out your objectives for each year covered. Do not adopt unrealistic objectives but a limited number of targets which are achievable each year is far more likely to yield results. Much of the expertise needed will be found in your Committee and any further advice needed will often be available in the wider community. It is good to see that you work closely with FÁS, the ESB and the Local Authorities. We would also suggest that you liaise with the Regional Tourism Authority, Telecom Eireann and the National Rehabilitation Board who will all have valuable advice to give you in preparing your plan. There is also some very useful information in the Tidy Towns Handbook which has been sent to your Committee. The most important thing to remember is to keep the plan short and simple - look on it as a guide for your Committee and as something which can be built on over the coming years.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The under-grounding of the cables when completed will dramatically improve the appearance of your village and will also help with the appearance of the built environment throughout. The attached map did not have the street names on it and for next year's Competition it would be very useful if a simple map of the streets in the village could be sent in with the application. The Church on the outskirts of the village was kept clean and tidy but will need to be repainted. The Church in the centre of the village again was well maintained and in a tidy and clean condition. The hotels and holiday houses throughout the village were very well maintained and presented to a very high standard. The pubs, restaurants, shops and business premises throughout were again very well presented. The School was well presented and the grounds were clean and tidy. The Old School does need attention and some areas were overgrown there. The Graveyard does need attention and tidying. The Fire Station and the Health Centre were neat and tidy and well presented. Perhaps your Committee might encourage bi-lingualism in the signage of shops, restaurants, hotels, Community Centres, public amenities, schools, etc where appropriate.

## **LANDSCAPING**

The maintenance and management of open spaces is mainly good throughout. The parking area near the Old Graveyard does need attention, it contains a lot of weeds, rubble and litter. The wall there is being faced with stone and when completed should enhance this area. The roundabout at the woods does need work done to it. There is some nice planting done at the Pump on the Waterford side and also at the junction there is a lovely shrub bed. There are some lovely displays of flowers and planters throughout the village. Well done to all concerned. More regular cutting is needed in the open green spaces at the residential areas.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your comments under this heading have been noted and certainly the kitty wakes are most interesting and unusual form of wildlife. Perhaps some information could be put on a suitable plaque. As a Tidy Towns Committee you have an important role to play in protecting, enhancing and increasing the wildlife value of your community. Apart from the kitty wakes perhaps you might identify the other species of birds, fish and animals that the shoreline, hedgerows, trees and woods, etc attract. You might also examine ways to make nature more accessible and enjoyable for visitors to your village. I suggest that you do make contact with a local environmental expert or the Irish Wildlife Conservancy who will be glad to give any help and advice they can. There is also some information contained in the Tidy Towns Handbook which you received this year. Properly managed, natural areas and wildlife will add greatly to your village.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Your control of litter throughout the village is very good and you do take this seriously. You have involved the County Council and children with a Clean-Up Day. It was also noted that you had talks given by the Litter Control Officer and have put a plan in place where the beach is kept clean. It is very important that you continue with this plan and improve upon it. There was some litter in the Church car park and also litter in the area near the beach. Check that you have sufficient litter bins in the right place and that they are emptied frequently.

## **TIDINESS**

Overall the control of weed growth at the kerbs was very good apart from a few small spots throughout the village. I note from your application form that there are plans to get the Harbour area cleaned up and this is to be welcomed.

Continue to keep this monitored and liaise with the Harbour Master.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The residents do present their properties very well overall. The woods have a lovely entrance to it but the open spaces are overgrown and do need attention. There is a lot of building taking place throughout the village area which have not yet been completed. When the boundary wall/fencing is put in place and the gardens landscaped it should look very well. Ard-na-Coille is very well presented and was neat and tidy with some very good individual efforts noted. Wood View had a lovely stone sign at the entrance. The planting done here will have to be kept low so that it does not cover the sign. Some of the boundary walls and fencing in this area would need attention. However the properties are, in the main, well presented throughout. The thatched houses throughout the village are maintained in excellent condition and do enhance the village.

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

The approach roads do need cutting. The Church car park had some weeds and these need to be treated. Some of the Yield signs did need to be cleaned and painted. The Keep Dunmore Tidy sign at the junction of the Waterford road needed the grass to be cut around it. There are plans for the renewing of footpaths and paving.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dunmore East is a lovely seaside resort and presents itself as a neat, tidy and attractive one. The landscaping of the various holiday homes throughout has matured and has softened the building aspect. It is good to see you back in the Competition and no doubt your efforts will do much to further improve the presentation of specific aspects of your village. Well done to all concerned and do keep up the good work which you are doing for the community.