

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DELGANY**
County : **WICKLOW**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	29	28
Landscaping	40	26	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	18
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	12	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	25
General Impression	10	6	7
TOTAL MARK	300	201	199

Delgany, County Wicklow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form and details of some of the on-going works. Thank you in particular for your detailed plans on Delgany 2001. It was indeed very helpful to have photographs to identify the areas in question. The unique village setting of Delgany is one which should be maintained; however, in time the approach road from the N11 may perhaps have to be widened. In this context you can help ensure that Delgany's unique appealing character is maintained. One comment, however, is that perhaps the plan is somewhat dated; an annual update of priorities would be helpful. Try to incorporate also an annual work programme together with an outline of what projects have been achieved to date. Overall well done for demonstrating and appreciation of your town.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The adjudicator noted the Wicklow Arms/Mack Bros., new shop front, very well presented. There is an appreciation of the importance of presentation of premises throughout the village although all of them are not perfect. The Church Grounds are also very good as was the National School. Farrellys was clean and tidy, the Horse and Hound was also newly painted; however, bunting took from the overall appearance. Delgany Inn was good as well.

LANDSCAPING

The park on the N11 was excellent, picnic area, grass neatly cut and nice stream adding to the attractiveness of the area. School grounds were well presented. The mature Yew trees in cemetery grounds were noted; well done in your improvement works here. The area by the pump is also well maintained; perhaps a seat around this area might provide a restful place for the elderly, as is the case near the Old Rectory.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You seem to have a good appreciation of the wildlife and natural amenities in your surrounding areas and you are fortunate to have such resources at your finger tips; for example, the development of nature trails is to be commended, the presence of mature trees and small woodland areas in the vicinity of the Delgany means that there are plenty of wildlife habitats in the surrounding areas. The challenge is how to make these more accessible to both residents and visitors without destroying the serenity

and uniqueness of each. The identification of opportunities embracing wildlife and natural amenities is also evident by the presence of the picnic area along by the stream close to the junction at the N11. Well done in this regard. The graveyard also provides a habitat area.

LITTER CONTROL

Sprinklings of litter were noted at the bus stop opposite the Delgany Inn. Outside Pattersons was litter free. Litter was also evident outside the Horse and Hound on day of adjudication; however, it was encouraging to see these premises being swept by the owner on day of adjudication. Also well done on clean up days; it is obvious that there is good commitment here, you may be aware the local authority now requires a 3 year litter management plan. Consult with your local authority, Wicklow County Council, about what plans they have for Delgany. Overall quite good.

TIDINESS

Weeds were noted opposite Four Winds at the gate way of the Golf Club. Road surfaces were generally good; however the over growth at the base of walls needs to be looked at, for example, the wall opposite Pattersons; the road along the Horse and Hound was somewhat untidy with litter and some weeds evident. The road leading away from the Horse and Hound is an area that needs to tackled for the coming year.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

No name plates were noted on several estates. Weeds were evident at the kerbing in the park with the white houses. Good individual efforts were noted at the right hand side approaching the Grooming Kennels. Further down this hill the park estate with the brown brick houses was well maintained. Bellview Lawn was also well cared for, but the entrance into this estate, however, could be improved. Riverfield was also well done. The Populars? was also very good but watch the weeds along the kerbing which tend to detract from an otherwise tidy appearance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Try to incorporate names of roads onto the map for next year. On the approach road from the N11, graffiti was noted on the sign for Greystones/R762; an unsightly wall on the left hand side is also taking away the otherwise good appearance. Along this road was litter free. On the approach road from Killincarig, try to clean the Delgany sign. Approaching from Glen O' the Downs, a house called Mellwood was particularly bad and you need to work on this for next year. Overall, the adjudicator recognises that the

committee have to work with narrow roads, some of which have heavy traffic; while this reduces the amount of work that can be done try to make improvements where possible.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator enjoyed the visit to Delgany; you have a very attractive village with nice features backed up by proximity to lovely mature woodlands, the Glen of the Downs etc. and Greystones Golf Course. Your approach is quite professional and the adjudicator looks forward to continued efforts in years to come.