

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNLAVIN**
County : **WICKLOW**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 11-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	36
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	32	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	17
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	15	15
Residential Areas	30	17	17
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	28
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	207	201

Dunlavin, County Wicklow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your completed neat entry form together with map which was helpful during the course of adjudication. You should try to identify in your five year plan, what you are trying to achieve. You have a very attractive town and village, well planned and the committee is to be congratulated for their work in the past.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There are some magnificent buildings in Dunlavin, in particular the Library Building, The Old Court House deserves a particular mention. The Catholic church is very well presented as was the Church Of Ireland. The AIB Bank is a very nice building. Graces Bar has a new shopfront and it was nice to see the Clock Feature incorporated into it. The School Grounds were well presented at Colaiste Pobail Chaoimh Nin and it is nice to note the use of Irish which is positive in Dunlavin. The Primary school was also very well presented. It is nice to see the new building by the 1798 monument which was formally derelict and now completed (apart from at the rear). It is also very good to see the cobble locking all along the main street. Try to re-instate tree planting along the main street. The adjudicator also noted the 1798 monument. Garda Station was also very well presented. Good efforts with flowers at the green premises near the library also. The Pharmacy would benefit from painting of its name plate and the solicitors office was very well presented. In general, a very good effort of presentation in this category.

LANDSCAPING

All open spaces are well cared for throughout the village, including the main village green and the area around the market square and greens and triangular areas around Kilcullen street. You really are to be commended for your efforts here. Also very attractive is the park area on the main street. An excellent presentation, well done. Also noted was the new bus turning circle which was landscaped. A very attractive layout was noted at the junction of Naas and Hollywood roads with the planting of flowers. Seating was also noted near the fire station. In the village square a nice seat was noticed with a new telephone kiosk, overall an excellent presentation.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The adjudicator refers you to comments made in last years report in relation to wildlife. Try to include both primary and

secondary school in your efforts. The emphasis on this category is on the conservation and enhancement of natural amenities and wildlife habitats whether they be woodland, rivers, ponds, hedgerows, grass margins, open spaces, graveyards and walls etc. You need to identify the habitats in your area and then in turn take appropriate action in enhancing the habitats. It is important that you let the adjudicators know what you have done in this regard. The tree planting programme that has been taken place over a number of trees on the approach roads will pay dividend in years to come.

LITTER CONTROL

Sprinklings of litter were noted in the residential estate again. It was quite bad in Church Hill residential estate which is somewhat disappointing. Litter was also noted outside the diner/take away. It was also very bad outside Spar with litter around tables in the main park as well. The main street area tends to be much tidier than Stephen's Street.

TIDINESS

Generally there is very neat and tidy appearance to Dunlavin. Weeds were noted in the car park of the GAA club and the soccer club which tends to take from the overall appearance. Good kerbing on the main street and around grassed areas and lack of weeds helped to improve tidiness. The under grounding of overhead wires around the Court House would also help to improve the appearance of this area.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential estate near the main grass park was very disappointing and needs to be re-surfaced and litter was evident. The older part of this estate is better maintained. Some very good individual efforts were noted. Milltown is well presented with excellent individual efforts noticed in many areas. Ivy Cottage deserves a particular mention for its efforts. A new residential development under construction was noted by Friar Hill.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

On the approach from the N81 try to replace the Dunlavin sign. The 30 mile an hour sign poles had been painted. Verges had been cut back and a lovely design at the junction of the Naas/Hollywood road was noted. The flower planting at this junction has been very well managed. On the approach road from Naas was also very good. The poles at the 30 mile an hour sign had been painted. The lime trees are coming on also. Overall, you tackled this area very well in comparison to other towns and villages in

the county. Continue your efforts in this regard.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The adjudicator is very impressed with the presentation of Dunlavin this year, and you are to be commended for your efforts. Perhaps new thinking is needed in terms of your overall developmental approach from the point of view, for example, of replacing the trees which were removed from the main street and Stephen's street. Good Luck for next year.