

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNGARVAN-KILKENNY**
County : **KILKENNY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-07-1999

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1999	Mark Awarded 1998
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	22	21
Landscaping	40	20	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	21	21
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	171	167

Dungarvan, County Kilkenny

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The day before the Mass in the cemetery was the perfect day to visit Dungarvan with so much activity of tidying up and grass cutting for the occasion. The village was in very smart condition on the day with very good attention to detail. The support from the local community is so important in achieving the goals and keeping the village in fine form

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The stone buildings are an unique part of the village and it is good to see ongoing jobs of stone work at the telephone/grotto area, and at the stone facing to the wall opposite the church. These will enhance the already fine stone built buildings. The old ruined church and community hall and the old priests house with the cross in the gate post is very attractive. The Nore Vale House is an interesting building and some day it would be nice to see this highlighted in its presentation. The shops were well presented although a little attention would help the Ouncel. The stone wall dividing the old and new cemeteries is a good feature.

LANDSCAPING

The well cared for containers and planting in gardens and available spaces are attractive. In a small village every house and garden makes an important contribution – hence the need for full co-operation. The cemetery and church grounds were especially well maintained and it is great that a cemetery is given the regard and respect it deserves. The lovely rolling grass helps to present the surrounding church and community hall so well.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is an area that the committee needs to consider carefully as in an area like Dungarvan there is always local wildlife interest. Identify a good project with the help of local knowledge and make a start.

LITTER CONTROL

The litter control is very good and the village looked very clean except for a few papers. The idea of everyone taking care of his own litter in a village is the ideal as litter bins are usually not the most beautiful objects positioned around the village. They are often a source of litter spill in themselves. The amount of litter inside the ruin of the old church was a little disappointing. This is not good for this building. Cleaning the inside will make a nice project in itself.

TIDINESS

There is a very tidy appearance about. The current work is causing a little untidiness – but this is only temporary and the net result will be worth the inconvenience. The cemetery grounds as mentioned above are a credit to all concerned in its presentation. The kerbside weeds at the church could benefit from attention as would those in the approach to the grotto

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The cottage houses are attractive and the gardens add to the village display. Individual homes are well tended and give a well cared for look to the village

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The roads are in good condition and the approaches are nicely treated without over lavish treatment.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

This is truly a tidy town with a very well cared feeling.