

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUN LAOGHAIRE**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	26
The Built Environment	40	31	29
Landscaping	40	29	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	24	25
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	196	192

Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Congratulations on your achievements this year with the Victorian Shelters and the launch of the 7 Cs project. This project however would benefit from a 5 year plan for the area and we would once again encourage you to look at this for next years competition. Such a plan can assist in engaging more volunteers to assist you with your work. With all the building work and road works along George's Street and on the Pavilion project your task is very difficult and we appreciate that you have had to defer some of your plans until next year. When all the building work is finished Dun Laoghaire will be a very impressive town and we look forward to its successful completion.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The built environment in Dun Laoghaire is improving every year. We noted significant improvements to the Kingston Hotel which was great to see. The District Court and the Garda Station were also very well presented. Generally the businesses along George's Street were very well presented and some we particularly noted include Aer Lingus, TSB, Ecco, NIB, Barnardo's, Weirs, McManus Jewellers, Dunphys, Costelloe Flowers and Walters. The shop at the corner of Clarinda Park and George's Street Upper takes from what is otherwise a very well presented street but hopefully it will be occupied for next years competition. The Harbour Building continues to look great and the surrounding area was very clean and tidy. The flower boxes along the main streets add much colour to the area which currently suffers from a lot of road works.

LANDSCAPING

Peoples Park looked great on the day of adjudication and we noted the marvellous Tidy Towns 2000 display which certainly acts as a reminder to the people of Dun Laoghaire. The railings were being painted on the day of adjudication showing your ongoing commitment to this excellent amenity. The landscaping outside the businesses (3M and Smith Kline and Beecham) on Corrig Avenue is also to be commended. The area in front of Carlisle Pier would benefit from some landscaping as there were many weeds growing in the area. The area outside the main Harbour building continues to be a credit to the people of Dun Laoghaire.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You are very fortunate with the range of natural amenities

you have in Dun Laoghaire however it was unfortunate to see that the seats and railings overlooking the harbour off the East Pier are in need of painting. It is a shame to see that an area with such spectacular views does not have a suitable viewing area. As mentioned above People's Park continues to be an excellent amenity and the ongoing development there will ensure that it continues to be so for many years to come. We would also encourage you to add an environmental section to your development plan.

LITTER CONTROL

Some areas where you should consider placing additional litter bins include the road adjacent to The Peoples Park and along Adelaide Street where litter was gathering at the kerbside. There was also some litter along George's Street Upper and we would suggest that even more bins are necessary along this street. There was also a lot of litter at the buildings at the corner of Mellifont Avenue and Georges Street. Fast food containers had gathered outside Murphys Solicitors and perhaps additional bins are needed here. There was some rubbish at the entrance to the DART Station along Crofton Road.

TIDINESS

Again this year graffiti is a problem in Dun Laoghaire. The graffiti on the bridge approaching Peoples Park takes from your efforts in placing flower boxes there and also graffiti on the benches in Bloomfields Car Park takes from what is otherwise lovely street furniture. There was also some graffiti on Patrick Street and on the laneways off Mulgrave Street. Some kerb control to remove weeds etc. is needed on Mellifont Avenue. On the day of adjudication there were copies of a local newspaper thrown in many of the doorways along Georges Street, perhaps you could encourage them to deliver during the week when the businesses are open thus preventing this build up of litter over the weekend. The restored Victorian Shelters look marvellous but do ensure that they are cleared out regularly as there was some litter in evidence in them on the day of adjudication.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The houses along Mulgrave Street were very well presented but there was some sporadic litter in evidence. The gardens along Northumberland Avenue are a credit to their owners. Dungal Terrace was also well presented but some kerb control is needed in this area. Century Court looked very well and there were some lovely flower boxes to be seen. The Tidy Districts programme is certainly assisting in maintaining the residential areas in Dun Laoghaire so keep up the good work.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to Dun Laoghaire were well maintained and the completion of The Pavilion will give a pleasing entrance to the town. Some of the bins along Georges Street could do with painting and there was a lot of rubbish along Clarinda Park. The landscaped area beside the Church was lovely and we particularly noted the sign reminding people of the litter fines in operation. However, the overflowing bin took from the effectiveness of this sign somewhat and we would suggest that you place more bins in this area. There was a lot of rubbish on the road connecting Bloomfield Shopping Centre with Convent Road.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Your committee has done some excellent work over the last number of years. You are a small committee but your achievements have been great. You obviously have a good working relationship with the Local Authority and we would encourage you to maintain this. The changes that are going to take place in Dun Laoghaire over the next number of years are immense and while your task is made more difficult while work continues we are confident that it will be worth it. We look forward to visiting Dun Laoghaire next year when much of the building work has been completed.