

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SUTTON**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	32
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	18
Litter Control	40	30	27
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	199	192

Sutton, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form complete with map and details which were of assistance on adjudication day. We note that plans outlined in your action plan for the town submitted last year are progressing fairly well. The benefits of inclusion in the Urban Renewal Scheme are evidenced by the ongoing work with the relocation of the ESB overhead wires and new streets lighting. Your committee works well and it should be remembered that the success of Tidy Towns benefits the whole community and key to achieving success is the co-operation and support of the various sectors of the community and statutory agencies. The committee's efforts in creating awareness of litter appears to yielding results.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Sutton Cross is clearly the focal point of the village and was well presented on adjudication day. The colourful and well-maintained flower tubs and hanging baskets demonstrate the commitment and awareness of the importance of the appearance of the area by the local business. While the landscaping and shrubbery are attractive there were some signs of pedestrians tramping on shrubbery at the corner site at The Town Centre. The busy shopping areas at Sutton Cross were virtually litter free. Congratulations on achieving the award for the DART station which was well presented and litter free on adjudication day. The derelict House at Sutton Cross still poses problems for this otherwise well presented area however it is becoming somewhat less obvious with tree and shrub growth. The completion of the restoration of Corr Castle shows an appreciation for local heritage landmark and blends well with modern structures.

LANDSCAPING

The work carried out on the wall opposite St Fintans Church is noted and this area presents huge potential for further development and enhancement of the area. The floodlighting of the Methodist Church is to be commended. Generally, the landscaping in the areas is to a high standard, particularly in the residential areas however there are a number of common areas, which would benefit from landscaping which would improve the overall impression.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The new information panel at Strand Road is both attractive and informative. The brown information panel sign, which

still exists at the top of Strand road, should either be fitted with further information/map or removed as it has graffiti and currently detracts from the area. There is a host of natural wildlife and interesting coastal habitats in the area, which should be made more accessible for people to enjoy and appreciate. Perhaps a sign posted walking route with seating etc. could address this issue without detracting from the natural beauty.

LITTER CONTROL

The committee are to be commended for their efforts in generating awareness and also for organising regular clean ups. Litter control is much improved and is impressive particularly in the busy shopping and beach areas. The litter problem still exists in some lane ways, back areas and there appeared to be some dumping of bags of rubbish in the lane way from the Howth Road to the Burrow Road.

TIDINESS

The Howth Road in particular has a neat and tidy appearance. The newly laid cycle lanes are a welcome addition to this area. While we appreciate the difficulty in eradicating it, graffiti has replaced litter as the most serious issue, which needs to be addressed. This is particularly noticeable on ESB boxes, lane ways, bins and some directional signs e.g. sign from Station Rd to Golf Club. Attention to weed control at the base of walls and trees can improve the overall impression of tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Once again, the residents of Sutton are to be commended for the high standard of presentation of their areas. The main roads of Greenfield Rd/ Carrickbrack and Howth road are well presented. In addition, Offington, Glencarrig and Duncarrig are well maintained. The new development at Corr Castle is attractive and well presented. While there is evidence of efforts to extend work to kerb sides, verges and common green areas further encouragement in this area would be beneficial.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach from Baldoyle was litter free and we look forward to the placing of the 'welcome to Sutton sign'.

Consideration should also be given to placing welcome signs on the approach from the Howth road.

The Dublin Road approach is well presented and functional, however, some tubs or floral displays would add a welcoming splash of colour. Some lane ways require further attention. There were several roads, which appeared to be missing street name signs. As mentioned, graffiti is an issue on many signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Sutton gives an impression of a well presented cared for community. There have been a number of important achievements in the last few years that only occur as a result of an achievable action plan and good working committee. The committee's efforts in the area of litter are to be commended and this is reflected in this year's mark. However, graffiti is seriously effecting the overall impression. There is potential to gain significant extra marks by concentrating on the areas of wildlife, environment, graffiti and back lanes/side streets. Keep up the good work.