

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUAGH**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 20-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	30
The Built Environment	40	26	26
Landscaping	40	23	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	31	30
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	189	188

Duagh, County Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the very helpful map. Even though your plan of work may be clear to the committee, it is always useful to develop a written plan where objectives can be set. The plan should outline the approach to be taken meeting the objectives within an agreed time scale. This helps to concentrate actions and can be useful as work proceeds and refinements are needed. Your village forms a very unified style with almost everything on the one road. Traffic speed and volume significantly influences the village. Some attention to footpaths and road surfaces is needed. Some houses and sites need a little attention.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The church and presbytery are well kept. There is a wide variety of building styles in the village. The school is well presented as are a number of residences along both sides of the road. The stone walls, where present, are superior to the block and concrete types. O'Briens pub and O'Connors shop look very well. The area around Gaires garage could be settled a little better. Some places where corrugated iron is used could be replaced by more attractive materials.

LANDSCAPING

A considerable amount of planting has taken place over the years. Some replanting is now called for. Tree planting is especially important. In the church grounds and surrounding area all the trees were cut down at some stage leaving stumps. Maybe a renewal of these tree plantings would give added attractiveness to the village. The field adjoining the church grounds could also have trees planted to the inside of the wall. Many gardens along the road are well tended and give a nice impression. The hedging at the car park is very good but the shrub plantings need a little attention. The retention of the old chestnut tree where the house is being built opposite the school is a good idea. Often trees are the first casualty at the first instance of building.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A wildlife project to work on would be an interesting proposition. With the co-operation of the school and using local information some progress could be made in this regard.

LITTER CONTROL

Small amounts of litter were spotted along the road but the

standard was good overall.

TIDINESS

Tidiness aspect will be improved by improving a number of difficult premises. Simple steps like care of walls and fences and organising materials will help.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The standard and care of homes is good with people having pride in their presentation. Some neglected corners and unoccupied houses detract from the work of many others.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The car park opposite the church would benefit from surfacing. There are patches of uneven surfaces on the roads too and the tarmacadam seems as though it would become very messy in hot summer weather. Efforts to slow the speed of traffic would be helpful in the interest of safety

GENERAL IMPRESSION

It is wise to enter the competition and encourage others to help in the work to raise the standards. You are making headway but progress can be slow at times. Continual effort will definitely produce results. Concentrate on the use of natural stone.