

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SUNCROFT**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 03-07-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	28	28
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	27	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	18
Litter Control	40	23	22
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	5	5
TOTAL MARK	300	190	186

Suncroft, County Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the completed entry form which was informative, clear and concise. As mentioned in last years report it is important that in future years you include a two-page development plan describing projected plans for Suncroft. Undoubtedly new residential developments in the village will have a huge impact on the overall urban fabric of the village.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Croft Inn, Mc Nally's and Morrins were clean and well painted on the day of adjudication. The central location of the old cemetery adds character to Suncroft and could be capitalised upon by repainting the boundary wall and gates. The water pump on the Seamus Bridge Road was very well presented and is an attractive focal point on entering the village. In addition, the school grounds were well maintained as was the church and the grotto. The Castlevew Estate monument was immaculate and both the bedding plants and the neat cobble locking were noted.

LANDSCAPING

The bedding plants at Carna Cemetery provided a splash of colour and can be further enhanced and developed over the coming years. Improved landscaping and weeding of the school grounds will help create awareness among the localities younger generation. This will also improve the impact of the existing mature trees in the grounds. The overall landscaping around the grounds of the new cemetery was most impressive and well-maintained bedding plants were noted. Roadside strimming was in operation on the day of adjudication along this stretch and the entrance was set off by the well painted and planted pots at the base of the aforementioned water pump. Some individual gardens in the residential estates were exceptionally well maintained. Overall, attention to detail should be encouraged in residential areas. Morrins had a particularly notable vibrant display of window boxes, which was most welcome.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

A stream is an asset to any town or village and the adjudicators were glad to note that you recognise this. The stream in Suncroft is quite overgrown along the rear wall of the cemetery. The water is clear where it can be viewed further upstream along the 'Suncroft Way'. However, it is

noted that further development of this amenity is currently on hold. Congratulations are extended to the committee for the excellent work carried out in the park.

LITTER CONTROL

Some scatterings of litter were noted at different points throughout the village and its environs.

TIDINESS

There was some evidence of fly posting outside the school building, which detracted from the overall impression. Whilst Castlevue estate was satisfactory there were quite a large amount of kerbside and paving weeds present. As mentioned in last years report the swings and the boundary fence to the community park require attention.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Ard Bríd looked well on the day of adjudication. However, attention to detail regarding the upkeep of outdoor furniture, bins and trimming of grass at the base of trees is necessary. Some boundary walls also require attention. Castlevue also looked well with the majority of houses being suitably painted. Some new residences were also noted

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Seamus Bridge Road is exceptionally well presented and sets an excellent standard for other approach roads to aspire to. The road surface through Ard Bríd requires attention. Attention to detail regarding kerbside weeds is also required in Suncroft.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Suncroft is set in a tranquil rural setting in Co. Kildare. Some private residences look exceptionally well. As mentioned previously attention to detail and a co-ordinated approach is imperative to the progression of Suncroft in the Tidy Towns Competition in the future.