

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNLEER**
County : **LOUTH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 29-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	29	28
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	28	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	202	199

Dunleer, County Louth

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your entry form. Unfortunately, no map or other information on projects carried out since last year was enclosed. Please ensure that you provide a 3/5 year plan with next year's application, detailing your proposed projects and the works you have completed over the year. This will help the adjudicator to assess your application more fairly and help your committee to gain extra points.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The majority of business premises in the village are well presented; Carlitos, The Grove, Shearmans, Connors, Larrys Butchers and The Credit Union among others, look very well. However, as highlighted in last years report there is still a high level of unsuitable plastic signage and over use of advertising posters etc. on some shopfronts. The churches, schools and Garda Station are all well maintained. The library carpark needs to be weeded and the Dunleer Service Station on the main street requires attention.

LANDSCAPING

The tree-planting programme along several of the approach roads is impressive and already starting to have an impact. Landscaping at the Glen Dimplex factory is excellent. The large green behind the church offers scope for large scale additional planting. The many colourful hanging baskets and permanent flower beds around the village add a very pleasant summer look to the street scene.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Once again there is no reference in the application form to any works carried out under this heading. Areas such as the riverbanks and the surrounds of White River Mill are rich habitats for wildlife. A signposted walk from the village centre down to the White River Mill would be a lovely amenity and encourage more people to discover this interesting place

LITTER CONTROL

Your measures for litter control are proving effective. Considering all the possible sources of litter in the village, there was very little evidence of littering to be seen. Keep up the good work.

TIDINESS

It was good to note that Wogans sign referred to last year, has now been painted. The wire fence around Wogans Yard should be screened off with creepers. One side of the lane leading up to the library was overgrown with weeds, also evident in the carpark here. As mentioned already, the clutter of plastic signage along the main street does not create an impression of tidiness.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Individual homes around the village and on the approach roads are very well maintained. Some very fine period houses with attractive gardens, such as Bramble Lodge B&B, contribute much to the overall appearance of the village. Churchview and Beechwood Drive are well presented, but a number of boundary walls need to be painted. The new estate near Glen Dimplex is well looked after.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach road from Drogheda with its extensive verges and well-sited trees stands out. The Ardee road is also of a good standard. Verges are overgrown on the Dundalk approach and the Dunleer/Glen Dimplex name sign here has become worn and needs to be replaced. The torn advertising hoardings under the bridge look unsightly. The Clogherhead Road is well kept with neat hedges, but the walls of Bitech Engineering would benefit from a fresh coat of paint.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dunleer is a very pleasant village with a great deal of potential. By following a realistic work plan for the next 3/5 years you should be able to progress steadily in the competition.