

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNCANNON**  
County : **WEXFORD**  
Category : **B**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2000

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2000	Mark Awarded 1999
Overall Developmental Approach	50	24	22
The Built Environment	40	22	23
Landscaping	40	18	19
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	30	22
Tidiness	20	11	10
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>159</b>

## **Duncannon, County Wexford**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The introduction of a new one-way system has done much to bring order to a previously difficult traffic situation. Thank you for the completed entry form, the comprehensive report which identifies many of the issues, areas and activities calling for vigorous and sustained response in the months and years ahead. Thank you also for the splendid, notated maps which were most useful on the day of adjudication.

Clearly there is a new air and energy in the delightful, historic settlement of Duncannon which bodes well for its future.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Like many similar villages in Wexford, Duncannon is experiencing substantial building currently. The Garda station was well presented while Strand Tavern also caught the eye. A large breach in the high wall on Quay Road needs attention. The Fort Visitor Centre was very well presented albeit the sign for a commercial cafe seemed a little out of place in this location. The Post Office was freshly painted and very well presented. Concern is expressed at the kiosk on the former tennis court. A number of roof slates are already loose and, the premises was closed and looked abandoned on the day of adjudication. A main feature of the village is the delightful, small-scale dwellings on Main Street. Their attractiveness and the role they play in establishing and accentuating the delightful character of the village cannot be overstated. Perhaps there is a case to be made for transferring car parking, currently on the left-hand side of the road to the other side, thus revealing the houses to a far greater extent.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The area stretching from Tommy Whelan's triangle along the Strand Road is of very varied presentation. The former golf course looks sad and deserted (Could this facility be restored?) The area bounded by Main Street, the slip to the beach and the little footpath, is not yet receiving the attention it deserves as a most important core to the village itself. The small pedestrian way, east of the former tennis court is not well presented and its appropriate treatment is recommended. Planting on the Fort Road was colourful and the grotto was very well presented. Landscaping on the entrance to Summit Place looked well, as did the area at the top of the slip around the signage for the coastal walk.

## **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The location and area offer extensive opportunities for enhanced bird and wildlife. The selection of a number of elements within the village itself and the planting there of suitable berry-bearing shrubs is recommended. Coupled with these "hardware" developments is the need for generating an interest and appreciation of the role that can be played by increasing the range and extent of bird and wildlife.

## **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter generally, throughout the centre, was substantially improved on previous years. The black spot of the slip road to the beach was improved although still far from ideal. There was an adequate supply of well-sited and appropriately designed litterbins, one or two of which indicated a need for enhanced servicing.

## **TIDINESS**

Undoubtedly the new traffic arrangements have helped install a sense of order to Duncannon. The debris to be expected around the harbour is still there. Perhaps some of this could be scrapped and removed to a more appropriate final resting place. Sweeping of the roads, particularly Quay Road would help substantially. The unused site at the junction of Main Street and Quay Road is disappointing and an appropriate use for it is recommended. The continuing presence of The Arcade as an unused premises is disappointing. We applaud the flying of flags at the Star of the Sea church but both of them are overdue for replacement.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The housing stock of Duncannon is growing apace and in general is well presented. There is a need to install front facing walls on various houses along Church Road leading towards Arthurstown. There are excellent individual cottages along here. Some of the houses along Chelsea Lodge Road could, with advantage, brighten their front facing walls. On Summit Place, while in general well presented, standards did vary. Excellent planting was noted, in the ground and in pots and planters at houses on the Fort Road.

## **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

On the Fethard Road the excellent nameplate at Tommy Whelan's triangle was a delight. The 30 mph sign needs to be washed, at least, and repainted ideally at this point. In spots, throughout the centre, the road surface is less than ideal, being worn and unravelled in parts. The storage of extensive maritime items along the high wall at the harbour

area seemed a little excessive.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

There is a new vibrancy and determination about the entry from Duncannon which is applauded. Clearly, the village has a range of problems which have been identified and articulated in your splendid report. The commissioning of this report is itself an important advancement and will signal the way forward for this most delightful and potentially most exciting of Wexford's many resort villages.