

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNMANWAY**  
County : **CORK**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 17-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	27	27
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	29	29
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	18	18
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	7	7
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>193</b>

## **Dunmanway, County Cork**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

The adjudicator was disappointed to note that your three to five year work programme was still in the process of being drawn up by Cork County Council. We look forward to reading it next year. There would seem to be a great deal of work proposed over the next few years – the swimming pool and adjacent play area, community school, and of course all of the proposed new houses.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The commercial premises of the West end of the town were reasonable on adjudication day. Perhaps you could consider the introduction of some more colour to these streetscapes. A number of premises were in need of attention, such as the West End Bar which was very flaky, the shops that form the Square Shopping Centre, and McMahon's Timber Yard. O'Leary's Bread and Cakes is an attractive traditional shop front which should be restored to its former glory. One of the letters of the signage to Galvin's Garage is missing and should be replaced before next year's competition. Do discourage curved plastic canopies and projecting plastic signs. These should be replaced with traditional fabric awnings and timber signage. Most of the buildings of the main streets and squares were in good condition. These included an Chistín with its attractive hanging baskets and window boxes, Illusions, Centra and An Tóisín in orange. The churches looked extremely well and add greatly to the streetscape. The industrial buildings with their attractive landscaping on the Clonakilty Road were all well maintained.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Attractive planting along the Clonakilty Road was admired. The colourful floral display at the West End Road's junction was greatly admired. The attractive lakeside park in its prominent location on Main Street is a marvelous asset to have so close to the town centre.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

This is a section in the form which was not completed. Perhaps you might consider introducing a lakeside walk incorporated with a map indicating the wildlife that can be seen in the vicinity. The local school children could participate in the formation of this. More information is available in Action Sheet 6 "Wildlife and Natural Amenities" in the Tidy Towns Handbook.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

The standard of litter control on the day could have been better. Although very little was evident to the main streets of

the town, the approach roads were not as well cared for. Quite a lot of litter was evident on the Clonakilty Road, in particular, at the boundary wall to the GAA pitch. More was evident on the Bandon Road, in particular, by the graveyard.

## **TIDINESS**

As previously mentioned most of the town fabric was in order on adjudication day. One or two problem areas were the following. The wall to the GAA playing fields is in need of restoration. A number of benches in the town's centre at the road junction of the West End will need to be painted up before next year's competition. A whitewashed stone shed on the Cork Road should also be painted up before next year's competition and the out buildings to the garage on this side appeared quite grubby. Do discourage advertising hoardings as these can give roadsides and streetscapes a very cluttered appearance.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The attractive stone house with original windows and cottage garden in the town centre is a very attractive feature in this category. The standard of houses on T.J. Murphy Place was extremely good – Michael Doheny Terrace, however, sported one extremely flaky house. The houses and boundaries along the Clonakilty Road were well maintained, in particular, the council houses on this approach. As one approaches the town from this side a glimpse is caught of a secret garden through an opening in a wall to a stone house behind. A very attractive garden with easter lilies to the Cork side of the town was also greatly admired.

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

The standard in this category of the competition was quite good. However, the Clonakilty Road was very overgrown, although the foxgloves were admired. The Bandon / Cork Road was in much better condition with its well cut grass verges and overhanging trees. The Inchigeela Road was well maintained. A bench on the Cork Road was missing its seat which looked unfortunate. Signage could have been maintained to a higher standard. Directional signs at the West End were in need of washing down. The Welcome sign, junction sign and lakeside picnic area sign on the Bandon Road were also extremely grubby.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dunmanway is a busy centre. Some magnificent displays in shop windows and much activity was evident on the day for the Corpus Christi Procession. Colourful flags and bunting abounded.