

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BUNCRANA**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	15
Litter Control	40	21	19
Tidiness	20	12	12
Residential Areas	30	21	21
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>183</b>

## **Buncrana, County Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for this year's submission and your Development Plan in particular. Your objectives for Buncrana are admirable and we wish you well in implementation. Your achievements are commendable, e.g. the Tullyarvan Exhibition and Conference Centre, your wildlife seminars and incentives to developers and your conservation areas. Buncrana is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The Market Square and the Main Street are excellent in the presentation of its handsome buildings, many of which still retain their original architectural features. Many premises are being considered for Shopfront Awards. There are still some dated plastic neon signs around, e.g. the 'Amusements' premises. The VEC Youthreach building was very much admired as was the cinema.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Trees along the main street are well established and are making a significant contribution to the streetscape. The planters in the carpark need to be replanted. Choose shrubs rather than bedding plants which are ephemeral, try to include some for winter and spring interest also. The roadside area to the tennis courts could be grassed. The Golf Club looks very well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Your wildlife seminars and workshops are a superb idea as are the guidelines to developers. The walk along the Crana River and Swan Park is an excellent nature trail. Herons were noted during adjudication at the estuary.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control could have been better. The weakest spot of all was along the kerb on Church Street. The car park opposite the Leisure Centre was a close second place. This could have been associated with the presence of the Funfair.

### **TIDINESS**

Some litter bins were in need of refurbishment or, at least, cleaning. Derelict buildings are also a problem, thankfully there are not too many of these. The town presents a tidy appearance overall.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The terrace of Victorian houses on the Shore road were admired. Housing estates were well presented also. New

houses out the Dunree road and the Tullyarvan road were noted, ensure that the footpath here is well finished.

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

Approach roads are fine in general but some details need attention, e.g. a nameplate on the Carndonagh Road. Likewise, some street furniture needs work, seats, lampstandards and planters in the car park. Side areas, lanes and footpaths are well presented. The town centre is wirescape free. Well done!

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Buncrana is an attractive seaside town with a fine architectural heritage and a good balance achieved between the old and the new.