

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **BUNDORAN**  
County : **DONEGAL**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	36
The Built Environment	40	31	31
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	16
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	23	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	23
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>196</b>

## **Bundoran, County Donegal**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thank you for your completed application form and supporting material. The plans for the "New Look for Bundoran Seafront" are impressive, displaying a thoughtful and inclusive approach to enhancing your town. As part of the competition you are requested to include a proposed long-term work programme, incorporating the various aspects of the competition headings for the town. A clear and simple 3/5 year plan, outlining achievable targets for the committee, will help focus your work in the future, and it also helps the adjudicator to measure your progress. You're continued co-operation with the UDC and other interested bodies was noted, and the benefits of these partnerships will continue to enhance and enrich the town.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Bundoran in its dramatic setting continues to expand and develop as evident by the continued construction in the town. Most of the buildings in the town are well presented with bright traditional seaside colours making a colourful impression. Bundoran Motors need to tidy their forecourt surface.

The St. Louis Convent and garden looked well but the car park in front of the old national school needs some weed clearance. The primary care building looks well amidst the rubble of the adjoining site, hopefully this whole area will improve after the construction work is completed. Some flower features were noticed at some premises with Fitzgerald's shop window boxes looking very impressive.

Both Churches look well and it would be nice to see some even cosmetic restorative work on the derelict Church on the Sligo rd. The other converted church or Coffee shop also looked well on the day of adjudication.

### **LANDSCAPING**

Whilst you will achieve your optimum landscaping on completion of your plans there are currently some additional opportunities for planting for e.g. A simple welcoming flower feature at your Town signs. Someone has already put some flowers at the sign on the Kinlough road. A lovely bed was noted at the car park on the Sligo Road and at the entrance to the lifeboat station with its nice stone sign. The lovely mural on the wall at the walk way to the power foot bridge looked well, as did this whole stepped area. The arched sculpture piece looked very well. An old Victorian sewage vent on the Sligo Road is worth maintaining, perhaps painting it a common colour to match your bins and street furniture.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The Tidy Towns Committee have a role to play in this important area of the competition. There are also other opportunities for enhancing and conserving wildlife habitats and the environment within the village. Wild flower meadows / grass areas, nesting boxes, pond/water features, trees and hedgerows offer additional opportunities. The local children and their school and grounds are an option for developing some of these opportunities. When choosing appropriate signs for projects ensure they enhance rather than detract from the environment you are promoting and preserving. Work in conjunction with relevant local bodies, ENFO, or a local wildlife expert to develop this area. Your large Seabirds sign was noted at the beach.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Some litter was evident around the carnival road, outside The Dome, at the beach car park, under the bridge and on the main street. This adjudicator recognises the fact that you are a busy transitory tourist centre, but the committee and community must remain vigilant in this important area. Your bins are plentiful and well maintained. Continue your work with local schools as its important and can contribute to your efforts in this area.

### **TIDINESS**

A mixed presentation in this section with some very tidy areas and some premises and areas that need to be tidied or painted that detract from the overall picture. The area on the way in to the cinema looks very untidy. Some of the premises behind the main street are untidy with broken windows, poor yards and are clearly visible from the car park. The O Gorman Arms in its very focal position deteriorates further the longer it is left, and the ugly piping at the Caravan Park mentioned last year still caught the eye for the wrong reasons. It is important that all areas of the town are appropriately maintained and kept tidy and litter / weed free, including forecourts, back yards, kerb edges, all open spaces, and areas between properties. Back alleys/yards, should be appropriately screened particularly in areas that will attract rubbish or dumping.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

The majority of houses throughout the towns in the housing developments and on the approach roads were generally well presented. The attractive hedges, fine walls, lawns and colourful flowers in some individual gardens were noted, as were some attractive tubs and window boxes, and hanging baskets, in some of the town houses. Well done for the hard work to those responsible especially to the residents who maintain the areas outside their boundaries. However the nicely maintained homes highlighted those that need attention or their paintwork refreshed both in the town, housing developments and on the approach roads. White Maple has some lovely planting at its entrance and

the very large housing scheme that stretches out the back of the town had some lovely features and was very well maintained. Some unique and dramatic sculptures were noted at a private home "Ceol na Meara". Some lovely window boxes were noted at Augusta and Finnervale B&B's.

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

The approach roads create a first impression. Grass verges could have been tidied without compromising the fauna on the Sligo Rd. and Donegal Rd. The car park beside the play area on the Sligo road needs some repair work to its fences and crumbled wall. The pier past the lifeboat station could be re – white washed. The approach road to the car park opposite the Allingham needs attention. The car parks and pier areas around Water World were well presented with some nice stonewalls and lamps. A wall on the small road down to the carnival needs to be repaired. Some signs need attention around the entrance to the Northern Hotel, the car park at the end of Roguey walk needs some attention also.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Bundoran continues to expand and develop and the Tidy Towns Committee has a role to play in this development. While remaining conscious of the master plan for the town, the committee can also work from the guidelines of this competition ensuring your traditional seaside resort is enhanced appropriately.