

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNFANAGHY**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 07-08-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	40	39
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	17
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	25	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	33
General Impression	10	9	8
TOTAL MARK	300	243	234

Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you, for accompanying notes and clearly marked map on the completed application form. They were most useful. It is clear from these that your work program is on schedule. Your ongoing problems with outside developments and derelict buildings in private ownership are noted.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The many stone walls in and around the town are in excellent condition. Most of the public and commercial buildings in the town were well maintained on adjudication day, with the exception of the derelict buildings in town center already noted above. Carrig Rua and Arnold's Hotel looked immaculate with a well maintained, car parking bay, and most attractive planting and stone chippings, around the green area to the side of Arnold's hotel. The Workhouse is well maintained, but the mainly hard surface area in the forecourt could be further developed with tree planting and the introduction of some softer surface such as stone chippings in specific areas, for seating for example. The derelict buildings behind the workhouse are still a problem. The area around The National School is well maintained. However the car park surface could be upgraded. The program of pavement refurbishment needs to carry on in this area. The pier area is well maintained with new roof to stone building on the pier noted. The public toilets are well maintained except for the broken window, an ongoing problem, perhaps they could be replaced with a less vulnerable type of glass block. Muck n' Muffins coffee shop has been refurbished to a very high standard and is a great asset to the pier area. The Portacabin in front of the waterfront should be removed. It is detracting from the overall ambience of the area.

LANDSCAPING

Work viewed on adjudication day in this area is of an excellent standard, well thought out and carefully implemented. Planting outside public toilets is maturing well and is well maintained. The open area in the village center, is beautifully surfaced with a sensitive package of co-ordinating tree guards, litter bins, seating, bollards and street lighting, adding enormously to the overall attractiveness of the architecture in the town. Indeed further developments of this nature would be a huge asset. The trees in this area are maturing well. Landscaping to private residences in and around the town is excellent. The area around the Presbyterian Church needs attention. Trees, hedges, and grass verges on approaching roads are neat and tidy and maintained in a manner that protects the natural habitat.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Even though Dunfanaghy is situated in close proximity to beaches, watersides, a new lake as well as having an abundance of mature trees and hedgerows, there is no sense of complacency. All the above were well maintained, appropriately nurtured, and looking superb on adjudication day. Reeds were apparent each side of the Falcarragh Road. The bird sanctuary continues to be a marvellous asset for resident and visitor alike

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control was excellent on adjudication day.

TIDINESS

On adjudication day the town was generally spotless, an extremely pleasant space to be in. Pavements were under construction but the work was being carried out in a controlled and tidy manner.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Generally the residential properties in and around the town environs were well maintained, even though there was evidence of much holiday type development. Canary cottage was nicely refurbished and well maintained. The Patrick's hill cottages are complete, well landscaped and maintained. Road surfaces should be completed.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Approach roads, hedgerows, trees and grass verges were generally in excellent condition and well maintained on adjudication day. The routing of overhead cables underground is a great success in the town center. That this is an ongoing process is noted. Generally road surfaces were good with some work in progress. Road surfacing in the holiday homes estate could be better and should be completed in the near future.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dunfanaghy is a most attractive town. Evidence is everywhere of a continued effort to improve in all areas.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (07/08/01)

Fly posting is a practice which should be actively discouraged - quite a lot was evident on the approach roads to the town, which create a bad impression for the visitor. The buildings of the town generally were presented to a reasonable standard, although Dinky Doos was quite flaky and a building with boarded up windows on the square created an unfortunate impression. Staining was evident to the façade of Rooney's, below its sign. Road surfaces were in bad condition particularly to the north of the town. The odd paper was evident but generally litter control was quite good on the day given the volume of visitors to the town. The gates to the beautifully restored Workhouse appeared quite rusty, there

was much evidence of development work taking place in the town – do ensure that these buildings are in keeping with the character of Dunfanaghy.