

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUAGH**
County : **KERRY**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 25-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	28	26
Landscaping	40	25	23
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	195	189

Duagh, Co. Kerry

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for returning completed entry form, with sketch map of the village. Roadworks were underway during adjudication day on Abbeyfeale approach. You do not mention if you are working to a 3-5 year plan or not. Such a plan would help you to achieve your vision for an improved and attractive Duagh. It would also act as a discipline for your committee to achieve higher marks in the Competition.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

You have many attractive buildings in the village and the many new houses now under construction will give opportunity for improvement. The public buildings e.g. church and school were well presented, although the amplification frame in the church grounds needs painting. It is imperative that you use your influence with new house builders to ensure the rural ethos of the village is protected. You could, with ease find a plethora of ultra modern houses springing up on each approach as the quest for housing sites continues. A simple appeal for traditional building values will prove well worthwhile. The community centre is now lacking definition and unfinished. It needs improved landscaping. You also have a few black spots that are obvious and need to be tackled.

LANDSCAPING

There was a welcome air of colour throughout the village and many people were observed painting their premises. This reflects well on community effort. The entrance and road surface at Kerry Mushrooms need attention as this is a very prominent location on the village approach. The new landscaped area at the village sign on the approach from Listowel offers great potential for an attractive green area, with some shrubbery. The stonework of some years ago opposite the Foodstore has an unfinished look about it. In particular, the margin between the road and the wall is badly in need of attention. The beautiful setting at Tobar Mhuire – the most tranquil site in the village has deteriorated in presentation. The builders rubble and broken cemetery wall present a very untidy image. The Grotto environs are superb and it is acknowledged that the rose beds have been improved, but overall the standard of presentation has dis-improved

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

You have potential to raise your marks here by engaging in listing the local species of wildlife and erecting a display board. It would be received with most interest.

LITTER CONTROL

Well done on an almost litter free village. It seemed to be

refuse collection day in Duagh and litter control was very good.

TIDINESS

You should refer to previous reports under this section. You have a few black spot areas that are keeping your marks down in this section. Remedies for this will come in time and as sites and property increase in value, it is likely that many of the unsightly buildings will be rectified.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

You have scored well in this section and the standard of houses is very good. This includes the houses on the approach to Tobar Mhuire. Your challenge here is for new houses to blend in well with the village environs.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Fáilte signs are good and signage and road surfacing in general are good. Be careful not to forget the side and rear entrances of premises – especially those on corner sites. The bridge at the Abbeyfeale approach offers an opportunity for a focal point – by way of introduction to the village. You should consider a stone wall at each side of the bridge and allow for a floral display and place the village entry sign there. This would create an impressive approach to Duagh.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Well done on an improved performance. You are progressing and the village looked really well on adjudication. You should tackle as many suggestions featured in the report as energy permits. Good luck for 2002