

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SUNCROFT**
County : **KILDARE**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 13-06-2001

| | Maximum Mark | Mark Awarded 2001 | Mark Awarded 2000 |
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| Overall Developmental Approach | 50 | 28 | 28 |
| The Built Environment | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| Landscaping | 40 | 28 | 27 |
| Wildlife and Natural Amenities | 30 | 20 | 20 |
| Litter Control | 40 | 23 | 23 |
| Tidiness | 20 | 12 | 12 |
| Residential Areas | 30 | 22 | 19 |
| Roads, Streets and Back Areas | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| General Impression | 10 | 6 | 5 |
| TOTAL MARK | 300 | 195 | 190 |

Suncroft, Co. Kildare

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Suncroft is welcome to the 2001 Tidy Towns Competition. You should submit a development plan for the village spanning the next three to five years to avoid 'piecemeal development' in favour of an integrated approach to the development of your lovely village. The plan does not need to be prepared by a professional, a one or two page plan will suffice. The village boasts excellent recreational amenity facilities in the form of walks (two 'trails' were noted). Well done on achievements to date. Ask the Council to signpost the village from Kilcullen and other routes.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Croft Inn looks very well. Both the church and school premises were very much admired, particularly in respect of newly whitewashed capping and pillars. A few bollards are in need of attention.

LANDSCAPING

The three burial grounds are being nicely maintained as are the roadside verges to the ditch/small stream to the village centre. The landscaped area out the 'northern' road is beautiful (at the older burial grounds - some trees here need to be replaced or underplanted). The wire and post fencing of the playing fields and playground should be planted at intervals with a climbing plant or shrubs for greater enclosure. The many young trees around the village are maturing nicely. Flower displays are colourful.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The stream along the Askinraw Way was littered which is a pity as litter control was quite good. The oak tree planted in Pairc Ui Cathain to the memory of 'Dee Morrin' is a lovely touch in this beautiful development which is being considered for the Landscape Award. The threats to wildlife in the face of future developments should be identified and protective measures undertaken.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter control was quite good throughout the village, but as noted above, was an unfortunate feature of the stream along the 'Askinraw Way'. Do your regular clean-ups not extend to this area?

TIDINESS

Weed growth was noted along the kerb to the green. A few side areas were untidy and the garage opposite the entrance to the Suncroft Way presents a big problem under this heading with its old cars in public view.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Churchview Estate looks very well. New young trees were noted in the estate beyond the playing fields. Timber post fencing at some locations are in need of repair. It is hoped that proposed new housing developments will make a significant positive contribution to the physical and social environment of Suncroft.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Well maintained grass verges, stands of mature trees and young trees, well presented namestones and nameplates together with nicely landscaped entrances are a nice feature on all approach roads to Suncroft. Street furniture is attractive and well maintained. A few back areas are in need of a little attention.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Suncroft is an attractive village with some very nice features and a lot of potential to be very successful in the competition. It is time to start planning for future developments.