

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DULEEK**
County : **MEATH**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	37
The Built Environment	40	27	27
Landscaping	40	28	27
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	23	23
Tidiness	20	12	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	197	195

Duleek, County Meath

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your submission which included a village map and a five-year plan. This should also have included a schedule of completed works. During the year, the group have actively co-operated with the local community and with the local authority.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The origins of Duleek date from the Early Christian period and the curvilinear village plan reflects this. The environment of the village consists essentially of the ecclesiastical core, the village green and the curvilinear main street. The architecture of the village includes very significant medieval remains, as well as a range of interesting and attractive eighteenth and nineteenth century houses and public buildings.

LANDSCAPING

The well kept green is the outstanding landscape feature of the village, with its trees and grassed areas. Other interesting features include the stone walling around the village - much of which is well maintained. The green, the trees, the tubs and the baskets all combine to make the centre of the village an attractive area.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

The River Nanny offers extensive wildlife and natural amenities. Some work has been undertaken here, but the river itself is untidy. The idea to utilise the grass margins as wildlife habitats is good but the implementation of this needs a great deal of work and management.

LITTER CONTROL

The main areas of the village had good litter management and only isolated areas of litter were noted. However, the secondary roads have yet to reach this high standard of litter management. This was particularly true around the historic church and cemetery.

TIDINESS

Generally the village was neat and it would seem that a pride of place is developing. Also, the street signs and public notices are distinctive and attractive. The church ruins and cemetery are in very poor condition with litter, graffiti and weeds. This is a very important feature of Duleek - of international significance. A cleaning and upgrading of this area would be well worthwhile, linking as it does with the triangular green. Such work would qualify for extra marks.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas were very good looking, with a majority of neat houses and well kept gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads to the village are neat and tidy with an assortment of hedges, stone walling, hedgerows, and trees. The well managed green on the Drogheda Road offers an excellent approach to the village. Large sections of the margins are, however, overgrown and untidy looking. If this is a deliberate policy, the very edges of the margins should be trimmed or managed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Duleek is a delightful village which contains an historic site of international importance. It would be of national benefit if the historic site was improved.