

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNSHAUGHLIN**  
County : **MEATH**  
Category : **D**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2001

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2001	Mark Awarded 2000
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	34
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	28	26
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	22	21
Tidiness	20	13	11
Residential Areas	30	22	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>187</b>

## **Dunshaughlin, County Meath**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Thanks for your submission which included a village map and a report of your achievements during the past year. The submission should include a brief long-term plan. The group have been very active in enhancing the environment of the town and have actively co-operated with local community and business interest groups and with the local authority.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Dunshaughlin consists of a principal linear street surrounded by an extensive range of twentieth century residential estates. The town gets its origins from the middle ages, although most of the buildings along the main street date from the nineteenth and twentieth century. The Early Christian origins of the settlement lie in the Church of Ireland church precinct and the group might consider focussing on this very important feature of the village. The streetscape generally is very attractive. Most buildings are in retail use, in good condition and nicely painted - although a number of derelict sites still remain along the main street.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The landscaping throughout the town is very satisfactory with successful areas of greens, planters, baskets, tree planting, and special features. All these help to project a bright and lively atmosphere.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The amenity area is an important feature of the town, although there is little to inform the visitor that this is so. Some form of interpretative facility would increase the awareness of the feature.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control along the approaches to the town and in the main street was good, with only the occasional isolated instances. Litter is still a major problem in the secondary streets off the main street where considerable litter was noted.

### **TIDINESS**

The town generally is neat and tidy. There are a number of derelict buildings, but the impact of these has been minimised. In addition, the road surface and the footpath along the main street is in a poor condition.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

There are a considerable number of residential estates in the town. Most of these are very well presented with well

maintained houses and gardens, excellent open greens, planting, and trees good. The greens were untidy in a few isolated instances with unmanaged grass and weeds.

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

The management of the main approaches to the town is mixed, with both excellent and weak stretches. For example, the Dublin road is disciplined, managed and attractive, while the Navan road has sections of unmanaged margins, wild hedgerows, and areas of untidiness. An overall consistent approach to the landscaping of the approach roads would be of considerable benefit to the village.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The Tidy Towns Group have been very active in the past year and this has resulted in a bright, cheerful and attractive urban environment.