

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BUNDORAN**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 09-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	36
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	26	25
Tidiness	20	11	11
Residential Areas	30	23	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	23
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	202	200

Bundoran, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Last years adjudicator suggested the creation and adoption of a development plan, it is disappointing not to find one attached to your application this year. A 3 to 5 year development plan with achievable target dates set for each project would be most beneficial and a more detailed map of Bundoran, highlighting: areas where improvements have been made, areas where problems remain, the location of buildings of interest etc. would also be of great benefit to yourselves as well as the adjudicator. Do try to get more people involved in your committee.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The town would benefit enormously from the relocation of overhead cable to underground ducting as has been achieved with Main Street. Atlantic Way holiday apartments were under construction as was a new building besides the derelict O’Gorman Arms and a new three storey development within the town. Please include information on new developments with your application form next year. The RC Church is most attractive as is the Garda station. The National School, Holyrood Hotel and some of the two storey, bay windowed, sea front houses would benefit from repainting. The Ulster Tourist House is also in dire need of attention. The single storey cottages on the left hand side as you head for Sligo are charming and attractive as is Le Chateaubrianne.

LANDSCAPING

The promenade is a fine achievement with its neo - Victorian street lights. The grass embankment to the promenade was littered with recently cut grass that should have been removed at the time of cutting. The access ramp to the promenade is a fine achievement and to be highly commended. Possibilities exist to further landscape an area within the vicinity of Water World. Some of the planters at the seating area in front of News and Views required weeding. Good provision of seating and bins was noted on the bridge.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

There is a fine view of Benbulbin on the approach road from Ballyshannon. An area adjacent the RC Church car park could be developed to promote local fauna. The cliff walk is a very health amenity so could it be further developed as a Slí-na-Slainte? Generally more thought is required under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

A lot of litter was seen on the beach immediately adjacent to the new promenade

possibly as a result of recent windy days. Further litter was seen near Water World but then a Fun Fare was temporarily adjacent to this area. Certainly the town itself was quite clean and clear of litter.

TIDINESS

A major problem for Bundoran is the derelict O’Gorman Arms building. Can anything be done with this site? It is worsened further by a considerable amount of fly posting. The forecourt to the Shell garage was clean, tidy and with good planting too whilst that of Bundoran Motors could be resurfaced. Strimmed grass had been left on lawns beside the promenade and gave an untidy feel to what is a pleasant space. The grass verge in front of Le Chateaubrienne was exceedingly high. Large advertising hoardings were seen on the approach road from Sligo.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Several new estates have been or are in the process of being built around the town which will hopefully, when completed, be resplendent with good landscaping and amenities. Many of the caravan parks were well maintained and tidy. The older housing appears in good condition with well kept gardens. Whilst at least one older estate was in need of attention to its footpaths as they are heavily affected by weed growth. Gaelic Park Drive residents, with one notable exception, are to be congratulated with the efforts they have made.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The grass verges were quite overgrown on the approach roads to Bundoran and the post and wire fences on the Ballyshannon approach road are in poor condition. The bi-lingual town signs, on the approach roads, could be individualized as opposed to the ubiquitous council signs. The addition of a footpath in the vicinity of KFC should be considered. Good roads existed around the town on the more recently developed areas. Bi-lingual street name signs were evident on many streets, however, many more did not have them. Is this an on going project?

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Bundoran is right to further develop its beach and cliff walks as they are the inspiration of the many visitors to the town.