

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNFANAGHY**
County : **DONEGAL**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	41	40
The Built Environment	40	35	35
Landscaping	40	32	31
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	20
Litter Control	40	33	32
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	26	25
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	35	35
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	247	243

Dunfanaghy, County Donegal

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

So much of your five year work plan has been achieved in previous years that it seems a pity not to re-evaluate the plan to include further, achievable projects for 2002 and 2003. Not that you have sat on your laurels, much has been done again this year.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Moore's Holiday homes do not have the same appeal as the village architecture of Dunfanaghy. The Presbyterian Church looks very impressive with well kept lawns. The Victorian streetlamps are very appropriate and add character to the town. Many buildings on Main Street need to have their gutters cleaned of weeds, in particular An Chistin. The ponds have been very well maintained and are a great feature of the streetscape – especially where gardens have been established and the space is obviously lived in and enjoyed. The new development of Courtyard apartments looks well and is of an appropriate scale.

The derelict buildings beside 'Danny Collins' that have obviously troubled you for so long appear finally to have had their day. We look forward to a new development of shop units and flats to further enhance the street. One further derelict building remains beside the Community Employment Enterprise, any plans? The public toilets require a complete overhaul at this stage, particularly internally.

LANDSCAPING

The heart of the village, the square, is very well laid out and maintained with good planting of trees which should mature nicely and are well protected from damage by the use of guards. The area between the Presbyterian Church and the Esso garage is overgrown and would benefit from landscaping. The Presbyterian Church itself has benefited from recent attention. The lawned area to the Carrig Rua car park is in excellent condition and complemented by the addition of planting and seating.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Any new plans for development under this heading? It is perhaps something that could be focused on as you move towards a new five year development plan.

LITTER CONTROL

Dunfanaghy appeared very clean on adjudication day with the exception of a certain amount of litter along the pavement beside the Carrig Rua and this despite the ample provision of bins within the area. The Bottle Bank is sensibly located and obviously very well monitored as there were not broken fragments of glass, overspill of bottles or litter

in sight.

TIDINESS

Generally very tidy with the exception of the aforementioned gutters. The hotels maintain themselves exceptionally well.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The Courtyard Apartments looked very pleasant and the residential properties on Main Street are most elegant, particularly the two grand houses opposite the Post Office. There is a large uninhabited house just out the Horn Head Road – any chances of this being restored?

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The stone walls and hedges on the approach road from Falcarragh are very pleasing to see and well kept. The road here is in very good condition. Additional paving/repairs are required in the area of the Roman Catholic Church. Despite ample car parking facilities within the town many people obviously still prefer to park on the street. Perhaps a more positive strategy is required to overcome this and utilize what was a virtually empty car park.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dunfanaghy is impressive. It has character, good facilities and is surrounded by beautiful landscapes. There are just a few problem areas left to be improved upon.

SECOND ADJUDICATION (08/08/2002)

It was a pleasure to note that the public toilets had been refurbished since first adjudication and that they were spotlessly clean. Litter control was improved on the occasion of our second visit also, well done! Entrances to Dunfanaghy are characterized by neat grass verges with outbursts of wild flowers and handsome stone walls in the traditional style. It was disappointing however to note the blurring of the boundary between Port-na-Blagh and Dunfanaghy. The height barriers of the car-park on the Falcarragh Road are unattractive and weed growth was a problem here also. Some roadside boundary walls to residential properties on the Horn Head Road need to be cleaned and/or painted. Developments in the course of construction look promising and it is hoped that they will add to the life and well being of the community. Hopefully the many pot-holes around the village will be eliminated in due course! The strand and foreshore area looked wonderful as did the green and landscaping in general.