

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DONABATE**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 28-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	36	35
The Built Environment	40	22	22
Landscaping	40	21	20
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	16
Litter Control	40	17	16
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	21	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	18	18
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	171	166

Donabate, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for your application form and comprehensive back up materials that were of great assistance on adjudication day. We also welcomed the addition of your 3 year plan to this year's competition, and we look forward to the results of your plan of action in the coming years. You obviously have very good support throughout the community, both residential and commercial. You should continue to liaise with local organisations and statutory bodies as much as possible, as they will be able to assist and advise you in the achievement of your goals.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The buildings throughout Donabate were quite well presented on the day of adjudication. Donabate overall has a well cared for look. The shopping centre with its attractive flower boxes looked very well as did the Credit Union and the Church is quite an impressive building. Keelings pub looked very well and was nicely presented. The Spar Shop looked untidy to the outside and the exterior of Smyths Pub looked tired and in need of a touch up. But overall the impression in this category was very good.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout Donabate is extremely good and your work over the past year will really start to show results in the years to come. Your plan of action seems very comprehensive. The planting and hanging baskets throughout Donabate are quite colourful. Your tree planting programme is a wonderful idea, and it is important to remember that these plants be properly maintained. It is a good idea to continue to get local schoolchildren involved in areas like this to assist with their upkeep. Your certificate for children is a wonderful initiative.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This is an aspect of the competition that you appear to have well in hand. Your plans for developing wildlife in the Beaverstown Pond Project are to be commended. This feature adds a lot to your community.

LITTER CONTROL

The standard of litter control on the day of adjudication was very good in Donabate. Of particular note was the absence of litter around the main commercial areas. The areas to the front and back of the Shopping centre were exceptional.

TIDINESS

Donabate had a well cared for appearance on the day of

adjudication. There was some evidence of weed growth in certain areas, i.e. area to the front Station Court was slightly weedy and the road bordering the golf club and parking area adjacent to the golf club was quite unkempt looking which detracted from the overall appearance. The roads leading off of the bridge were also slightly.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The local community in Donabate is to be commended for the standard of presentation in this area. The standard of private gardens throughout was quite good. The area to the front of the apartments across from Keelings Pub were very well presented as was Turvey Drive, except that the entrance to the estate was slightly overgrown. Most of the verges throughout Donabate were well kept with a few minor exceptions.

ROADS STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads into Donabate were well presented and litter free. In general roads were well maintained and kept. The road alongside the golf club had some minor litter and weeds in evidence on the day of adjudication and the roads around the bridge were overgrown but overall the impression in this area was quite good.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The efforts of your committee and community are to be commended. The work implemented over the past number of years gives a very good overall impression of the Donabate area. Your hard work is showing benefits and we look forward to seeing your action plan being implemented over the coming years.