

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **FINGLAS**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 08-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	32	31
Landscaping	40	24	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	26	24
Tidiness	20	14	13
Residential Areas	30	23	22
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	24	24
General Impression	10	7	6
TOTAL MARK	300	193	187

Finglas, Dublin 11

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

It is good to see you have a good size committee and we hope that you can retain this commitment and enthusiasm. Thank you for your completed entry form, it would be helpful for next year's competition to outline in a little more detail any developments that you carry out and any proposals you aim to focus on in the future. In this regard, the development of a 3 – 5 year plan for the Finglas area is strongly recommended as this will serve to focus your committee on proposed works and also involve the community in the spirit of the Tidy Towns initiative. Continue to liaise and co-operate with other statutory bodies and local organisations, as well as the City Council, in your efforts as this will make your task easier.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The town of Finglas has a general village-like feel to it. The AIB stood out, as did the Sean O'Riordan's. Gleasons looked quite attractive also. Once again, the area to the front of the ESB shop was quite unkempt looking. The area to the front was very weedy and the building looked uncared for. The Drake Inn could do with touch of paint to the front of the building. The Bank of Ireland also looked quite well with attractive flower boxes. Again the incidence of fly posting in shop front windows can detract from the overall appearance of the town.

LANDSCAPING

The Landscaping throughout Finglas is good. The addition of some planting throughout the area would enhance the village's appearance. It might be an idea to get the City Council and the business community involved in a project. This would help gain further marks in next year's competition.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

This section of the application again this year was not completed. It might be a good idea if some of your committee met with Dublin City Council or ENFO who could give you some ideas on competing in this area of the competition.

LITTER CONTROL

Your awareness and attempts to prevent the gathering of litter along the main street were noted and seem to have successfully paid off, as very little rubbish was to be seen in Finglas. There were some minor exceptions. The area to the side of The travel agents had minor litter and there was some to the front of the bank but overall the impression in this category was very good. There were quite a few cigarette butts along the streets in the main commercial

area. It might be an idea to have some of the shops sponsor some bins to prevent this

TIDINESS

In general, the pathways and kerbs around the area were free of weeds, but pay heed to side roads. Where building works were going on in houses around the area, it was good to see that the mess and rubbish was kept to a minimum. The areas around some of the pubs and shops were also quite well looked after and the residential areas were quite tidy looking also. There was minor graffiti to the side wall of First Choice Travel Agents, but overall the impression in this category was quite good.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The residential areas throughout Finglas were quite well presented, the new apartments at Heath Square were attractive and bright, an example of how to make the best of multiple structures such as these. The houses along McKee avenue were quite well presented, the entrance to Gofton Hall was quite overgrown which takes away from the residences which were nicely presented.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Kerbsides on the approach roads into Finglas were generally free of weeds and litter, although side streets needed attention in this regard. The car park to the rear of The Bank of Ireland is clearly visible from the main road, and it was quite clean and tidy- looking on the day of adjudication.

OVERALL IMPRESSION

I note that you have a litter campaign and litter wardens along with educating school children. This is a wonderful idea – try to get as many of the local businesses, residents and schoolchildren as possible involved in these efforts. Well done to date and good luck with your future plans.