

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **GLASTHULE\SANDYCOVE**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 06-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	25
The Built Environment	40	30	30
Landscaping	40	24	22
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	26	26
Tidiness	20	14	14
Residential Areas	30	19	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	23	22
General Impression	10	6	5
TOTAL MARK	300	187	178

Glasthule - Sandycove, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Glasthule - Sandycove is welcome to the 2002 Tidy Towns Competition. Thank you for your five year plan, it makes interesting reading and we wish you well in its implementation. It has gained you an increase in marks. We look forward to the proposed granite sculpture development. Congratulations on the celebration of your Joycean Heritage.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The majority of properties are well presented. The 'Eagle House' looked especially well. The 'Charles Fitzgerald' public house is attractively presented and it is good to note its original sash windows. Other well presented buildings include 'Sandycove Fine Arts', 'Mitchell and Sons Wine Merchants', 'The Bistro Vino' and many others. We look forward to the sensitive redevelopment of the 'Forum Cinema' site. The 'Post Office' and the 'Adelaide Stores' are rather bland in appearance which is unfortunate given their prominent location.

LANDSCAPING

The green area along the waterfront is presented to a very high standard, well done! The small park near the James Joyce Tower is a fine amenity development and is tastefully presented. Well done on the Slí na Sláinte walk also. The presentation of the green with its plants and sculpture on Summerhill Road was admired as was the green area on Eden Road. The walls of the sports ground on the Hudson Park Road could be cleaned to good effect and perhaps planted behind with tall shrubs.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Do send in details of your activities under this heading. The coastal location of Sandycove – Glasthule presents many opportunities for promoting an awareness of wildlife.

LITTER CONTROL

Well done on a good standard of litter control during adjudication. Do submit details of your litter control strategy next year so that we may mark you for this also.

TIDINESS

The village had a very tidy appearance overall. Be careful regarding weed growth along footpaths and at the base of walls. Weed growth along kerbs in the environs of the "Forty Foot" was noted, together with the kerbs of Sandycove Avenue East. The recycling point on the Summerhill Road was fairly tidy, no doubt the building materials will be removed from its environs when work has been completed. Weed growth featured along the kerb on Hudson Park Road also.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Mature trees, shrubs and hedgerow in gardens along the Main Street on entering from Dalkey were very much admired as these enhance the Main Street and the heart of Sandycove immeasurably. High roadside boundary walls to gardens along Eden Road need cleaning. The Beaufort development looks well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Your idea regarding an additional 'Welcome' sign for each street is admirable. Perhaps you could incorporate a bi-lingual sign as an added feature. Are the existing old bi-lingual street nameplates to be retained? Road surfaces and footpaths are to a quite a good standard, well done. Car parking facilities along the seafront are excellent. Could a more attractive barrier be installed at the entrances to car parking areas? Your Bloomsday 2002 welcome signs are a nice touch. The gates at the "Cow Shed" could be refurbished and perhaps its inside walls planted with a climbing plant or at least kept freshly whitewashed.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Well done on a good overall presentation. Extra vigilance regarding weedy kerbs in necessary.