

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **MALAHIDE**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **F**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 01-08-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	43	42
The Built Environment	40	35	34
Landscaping	40	35	34
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	25	24
Litter Control	40	32	31
Tidiness	20	17	16
Residential Areas	30	26	26
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	31	30
General Impression	10	9	9
TOTAL MARK	300	253	246

Malahide, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Thank you for your completed application form and comprehensive back up materials, which were of great assistance on the day of adjudication. We are glad to see your development plan progressing so well. Your associations with the local community - both residences and businesses and Fingal County Council serve to focus your committee on proposed works and also involve the community in the spirit of the Tidy Towns initiative.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The town of Malahide was quite delightful to visit with pleasant and colourful shop fronts to look at and a general village-like feel to it. It is important to retain this ambience in the future. Duffy's and Gibneys stood out, as did the The Grand Hotel, The Garda Station and The Ulster Bank. Most of the shops throughout had obviously made a real effort to brighten their premises with plenty of flower baskets and planters out front. It was nice to see plenty of bins in the commercial areas which obviously helps to prevent littering. The railings along the tennis courts looked well this year having been painted. The Ammonite Sculpture also looked well however the base of it was quite littered and the water looked dirty in it, which detracts from the greens otherwise lovely appearance. The Restored Well on Old Street looked quite impressive and the newly planted trees will enhance its appearance in time to come. The new lamps at the railway bridge also looked impressive when entering the village. Overall the impression in this category was exceptional.

LANDSCAPING

The landscaping throughout Malahide is quite impressive; your work over the past number of years is really starting to show. The planting and hanging baskets throughout Malahide is very colourful. The planting to the front of The Grand Hotel is impressive and the area to the side of the tennis club is very welcoming. On the approach into Malahide there is some lovely planting on The Back Road, which is a welcome site when entering Malahide. The grounds of Malahide Castle are also quite impressive.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Yours plans for the erection of wildlife signs along the estuary and the beach are commendable; the wildlife corridor along the verge of the Dublin Road will also enhance the impressive appearance of Malahide. The beach and the park in Malahide Castle provide a wonderful amenity for the residents and visitors to your community.

LITTER CONTROL

Your awareness and attempts to prevent the gathering of litter were noted and seem to have successfully paid off as very little rubbish was to be seen on Malahide streets on the day of adjudication. We welcome your initiative to install cigarette butt bins in the village and also the gum buster machine in conjunction with Fingal County Council.

TIDINESS

Malahide had a much cared for appearance on the day of adjudication. There appears to be much attention paid to this aspect of the competition throughout the whole of Malahide. However, the area to the side of Londis Supermarket on Yellow Walls Road was quite overgrown and untidy looking. The recycling facilities along the Coast Road are a great facility to have but make sure that they are kept neat and free of litter as otherwise people will be deterred from using them.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are some lovely houses to be seen around the Malahide area and overall, they were presented very well. Of particular mention were Chalfont and Biscayne estates. The houses throughout were well. The Malahide Marina apartments were attractive and bright, an example of how to make the best of multiple structures such as these. The area to the front of Seapark was a little overgrown on the day of adjudication taking away from its otherwise well cared for appearance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

All areas in this section were extremely good, the impressive entrances to Malahide are extremely well cared for, it was noted that there is some building going on along the road from Portmarnock into Malahide but it does not detract too much from the overall appearance.

Kerbsides on the approach roads into Malahide were generally free of weeds and litter and the Back areas and side streets were also extremely well presented. Keep up the good work!

OVERALL IMPRESSION

Your Tidy Towns Committee have taken very positive steps in all aspects of the competition and I am confident that your committee will successfully bring your five year plan to successful completion. Your work in association with the Fingal County Council, the local community, businesses and associations help to bring some wonderful results and demonstrate the benefit of these associations in a community like Malahide.

Second Adjudication (01/08/2002)

Once again it was a great pleasure to visit Malahide on a Summer, albeit grey, morning.

The sylvan quality of the Dublin Road and Malahide Castle area is always enjoyed; the wild flower corridor was a wonderful idea. Great pride in the presentation of residential areas is noteworthy throughout. Similarly the attention to planting and maintenance of the expansive amenity areas, particularly along the seafront was apparent. The lush planted area at the entrance to the Marina Village was being well availed of by children during adjudication. In comparison with the standard generally grass between the road and sea along Strand Road looked poor - perhaps salt resilient planting might be considered. Poor road surfacing here was also a problem. The commercial premises in the town centre appeared prosperous although there is still an overuse of superfluous advertising, causing clutter. Billboards should be removed from gables. The street name signs were particularly admired. A few papers were noted blowing in the breeze but for the most part the town had a remarkably tidy appearance. Congratulations!