

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SANTRY**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	30	--
The Built Environment	40	25	--
Landscaping	40	26	--
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	18	--
Litter Control	40	26	--
Tidiness	20	13	--
Residential Areas	30	22	--
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	--
General Impression	10	7	--
TOTAL MARK	300	192	--

Santry, Co. Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

Thank you for your completed entry form this year. The map provided with the entry form was very clear and for the unfamiliar visitor to Santry very useful. It would be beneficial for next year if you could submit more detail with your entry form, highlighting specific work carried out and any developments planned for the future, bearing in mind that all future plans should be attainable.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Santry is a mature area of Dublin, with many of the residential and shopping areas well developed. The residential housing in the area is very attractive and well maintained. The Omni centre is beneficial to the area and provides community with many options. The shopping centre itself is discreet and is not overpowering. The shops at the village centre were generally in good condition, however some of them require some maintenance. The area which is occupied by T. O'Reilly is well maintained and in good condition. Some graffiti was evident on the wall beside Chartbusters, which was a shame. The shops located in some of the residential areas add to the character of Santry. The development of the Dublin port tunnel has caused some disruption in the area. However once completed, this will be a welcome addition to the area and maybe help alleviate some of the traffic.

LANDSCAPING

Landscaping in the area is quite good. Many of the residential areas are well maintained and have nicely landscaped gardens. Oak Park estate has a nice landscaped area at the entrance, though there was evidence of litter in this area on the day of adjudication. The communal area in Oak Park is well tended. There is a lovely green area in front of Santry Villas. The trees in this area are quite mature and provide privacy for the houses behind. This area would benefit from some more landscaping. The landscaping at the Omni Park junction is very pleasant and is well maintained for such a busy junction. Many of the residents should be commended for the upkeep of their gardens, although more attention needs to be given to kerb maintenance.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Santry is in an extremely busy area and is lucky to have a number of parks and green areas around, which have been developed for the local population. The introduction of an environmental plan for Santry would be welcome and beneficial in the future.

LITTER CONTROL

Despite a number of litter bins visible, litter was evident in some areas. An area where litter control could be more vigilant is at the entrance to Lorcan Road and near the Church gates beside Santry Villas. This was a shame as this is a nicely planted area. More vigilance is required in relation to litter. The introduction of a litter awareness campaign among the residents would help tackle the problem.

TIDINESS

The overall tidiness of the area is good. The committee and the residents should be commended for the upkeep of this busy area. Continued vigilance on shop fronts, litter control and graffiti is important.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the residential areas are well cared for. The housing in Santry is more traditional and shows off the character of the area. The signposting into and around many of the residential areas was very good. Magenta Crescent, Lorcan Drive and the Shanliss residential areas are all well maintained. Many of the communal green areas in these residential parks are well cared for. The corner shops located in the centre of some residential areas provide Santry with a lot of character. It is important that these are maintained.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads into Santry are generally in good condition. It is well signposted from the N1 and from the Swords road. The road works at the Santry turnoff from the airport road are causing some disruption in the area, but it is well signposted and once completed, will be beneficial to the area. The roads are in good condition and signposting is generally good. All residential areas are generally well signposted.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Santry is a mature, well developed area with great potential for future development, without taking away from the character of the area. All future plans should be attainable and manageable.