

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **SUTTON**
County : **DUBLIN**
Category : **D**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 02-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	34	33
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	14	15
Residential Areas	30	25	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	24
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	206	203

Sutton, County Dublin

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

The information provided on the application form, additional information and map provided, were extremely helpful. The copy of the information bulletin which was provided, is a great idea to create awareness to all community members, and displays the overall commitment by the tidy towns committee to the continued development of Sutton. The tidy towns committee is a reasonable size and has received local support from local businesses and schools, which all assist in the overall development of the area.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The overall built environment of Sutton is very well maintained. Many of the shop fronts and residential areas were in excellent condition. The shop fronts at Sutton Cross all carried a similar theme and were all neatly presented and fresh looking. Superquinn and the shops off the car park were all also neatly presented, with the car park in good condition. The display sign as you enter the car park at the shopping centre is in need of some repair. Many of the residential areas were well maintained. There is a wide variety of housing available in Sutton, from housing estates, detached housing and apartment areas, all of these add to the character of the area and all were well maintained. The Dart station and car park is well presented. However, a small amount of graffiti was evident on the bus shelter, which is a shame. Some of the railings along the Strand road are in need of replacing or some maintenance.

LANDSCAPING

The quality of the landscaping in a number of areas in Sutton should be commended. The planters at Sutton cross were well maintained, and add to the overall look of the area. The area in front of the Marine Hotel was very well maintained with some nice trees in the car park. This area could benefit from some more landscaping. Many of the residential areas are well maintained with private gardens nicely presented. It is important that kerb and tree base maintenance is not neglected. Some planting has taken place at Sutton Golf Club and the entrance to Howth Golf Club should be commended.

WILDLIFE AND NATUARL AMENITIES

Sutton has many natural amenities, which enhance the area. Sutton has an added advantage of having some of the North Bull Island Nature reserve along the coast. Wildlife information signs were evident along the strand road. Situated along the coast, the walks and areas here could be made more accessible. Sli na Slainte signs were evident in the area. However, maybe the some information panels on walks / cycle trails in the area would encourage residents

and visitors alike to take full advantage of the locality.

LITTER CONTROL

Despite the location of litter bins there was some evidence of litter on the day of adjudication. The Tidy Towns Bulletin is a great idea and has obviously increased litter awareness among the residents in the area. The recycling area outside the church on Greenfield Road was in need of emptying. The sign here was also marked by graffiti, which was a shame. Litter was also evident at Sutton Cross. The weekly clean ups and involvement of the schools should be encouraged and continued to help create greater awareness.

TIDINESS

Overall tidiness of the area should be commended. However kerb maintenance and graffiti are issues which still need addressing. The DART station looked well - little evidence of litter and the area was nicely presented. As outlined in your submission report, graffiti continues to be a problem in the area, which is a shame.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Many of the residential areas were very well cared for. The pride of the residents of the area is evident in a number of residential areas. Carrickbrack lawns is very well maintained, with appropriate trees and shrubbery. Orpington Park is a lovely tree lined residential area in good condition. Some graffiti was evident at the entrance, which was a shame. Shelmartin Drive again overall is well maintained. Some kerb maintenance is required. The entrance to Corr Castle residential area is very well maintained, with the castle itself nicely renovated.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approach roads in all areas are in good condition with plenty of directional sign posting. Some signs are in need of care, as graffiti is evident on some of the them. The railings along the strand road / cliff road in some areas need replacing. Extra care and attention should be given to side roads as kerb maintenance is required and evidence of graffiti increases in these areas.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

The overall impression of Sutton is very positive. The hard work by committee members and residents alike is very evident, with great pride in the area. Their hard work should be commended as Sutton continues to develop.