

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUAGH**  
County : **KERRY**  
Category : **A**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 04-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	29	29
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	25	25
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	15	15
Litter Control	40	32	32
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	20
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	24
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>195</b>

## **Duagh, County Kerry**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH**

Duagh is a tiny crossroads village located on a busy thoroughfare and set amidst gently rolling hills and lush countryside. A considerable amount of on going development was noted along the main road. You did not forward a development plan or work programme for Duagh. In the face of on-going development, it is important to have a plan so that the future development of Duagh is co-ordinated rather than being piecemeal.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

There are many well presented properties within the village, Larry's Foodstore being one, the O'Brien property and of course the church which was also very much admired. A problem in presentation of many properties is in the presentation of curtilage areas, many of these are ill-defined and untidy and some need to be screened from public view. A consistency in boundary treatment is also suggested. The beer signs on the E. O'Brien development are outdated and should be removed. The vehicle yard located opposite the Duagh Foodstore should be screened from public view.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The Tober Mhuire development is most appealing. The adjacent burial grounds are well presented also. The entrance to the village at the Listowel end is simply landscaped and attractive while that at the Abbeyfeale end is less attractive. Entrances on other two approach roads are rural in character and look well. Your planned work programme should incorporate a landscaping plan for the village. Landscaping can be used to good effect in the curtilage areas of buildings. The committee is referred to the Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas in this respect.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

Given its rural environment, Duagh and its environs must enjoy a plethora of wildlife. A good place to start would be to identify existing wildlife habitats in order to take any necessary protective measures in the face of the further development of the village. A wildlife project along the river bank might be considered. Perhaps a riverside or countryside walk could be developed and signposted from the village. Another appropriate project might be the development of a small wood under the Neighborhood Scheme which is 100% grant aided.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

Litter control is good and we note your weekly litter collection activities. What other litter control activities do you engage in?

Details of these could be a source of additional marks.

### **TIDINESS**

Overall tidiness could be improved further. As noted above, curtilage areas of buildings are untidy in some instances and need screening. The Bottle Bank venue was well presented. No doubt the mound of earth and rubble outside the grave yard and the Tober Mhuire will be removed in due course. Derelict buildings will be redeveloped in due course but as an interim measure they should be kept neatly boarded and brightly painted. Some gable walls were in need of painting also.

### **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

A lot of on going residential development has been noted and no doubt, new dwellings will be finished to a high standard. Try to achieve a consistency in roadside boundary treatment to residential properties.

### **ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS**

Attractive lampstandards and other items of street furniture would be a nice touch for the appearance of the village. These could be themed to reflect some part of Duagh's heritage. Stretches of footpath need to be refurbished. Nameplates looked well. Some signposting should be made available for your heritage features.

### **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

The overall impression of Duagh is that it is a village which is still developing. As noted above, care should be taken that developments enhance the appearance and life of the village.