

*"Caring for our environment"*

Centre : **DUNLEER**  
County : **LOUTH**  
Category : **C**

**Results**

Date of Adjudication : 07-07-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	35	35
The Built Environment	40	28	28
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	16	15
Litter Control	40	27	27
Tidiness	20	13	12
Residential Areas	30	25	23
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	30	29
General Impression	10	6	6
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>205</b>

## **Dunleer, County Louth**

### **OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH**

Dunleer is a nice village and so much the better without the traffic. It is well signposted off the by-pass and there are a variety of shops and pubs to attract passers-by. Many thanks for the information and the good map which was useful. A synopsis of work carried out throughout the past year and also future plans for the village would be appreciated as it gives the judges a general background and indication of future developments.

### **THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

The built environment varied. Connors looked particularly well and Larry's was a riot of colour on a grey summer's evening. Clare's was simply presented and looked well. The Esso service station on the Dundalk side and building adjacent to it were not well maintained and a bright green coloured building closer to the village also needed attention. The Development Building in the centre of the village requires upgrading. It is a pity that the old railway station cannot be used for something as it is a fine building. Scoil Ui Muineadaigis was well kept though the front wall needed some attention. Pairc Ui Mhuiri seemed a little untidy though the school on the Ardee Road was neat. Glen Dimplex set good example with good presentation.

### **LANDSCAPING**

The area beside the station road is a focal point in the village and should be considered for use as an amenity area. Wildflowers could be also considered in the area up to and around the library and the old station though the elderflowers made a nice splash at the time of the judging. Landscaping at the Clogher Head junction looked well.

### **WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES**

The judges, on recommendation from the committee took a trip to Rathescar Lake. It is a pleasant amenity to have though is a little far from the village itself. In relation to wildlife, consider perhaps a project (wild flowers/hedges, wildlife audit) or trail in the village or closer to it and this then will be taken into consideration in future years of the competition.

### **LITTER CONTROL**

There was a scattering of litter near the entrance to the library lane and at other points in the village. Shops need to be more responsible in relation to eradicating litter altogether.

### **TIDINESS**

The village was tidy despite the small amount of litter to be seen. The recycling facilities were noted at the library.

## **RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

Most of the houses in the village and on its outskirts were well presented and some had very nice front gardens. Some of the residences on the Dundalk side of the town could consider further maintenance of their front walls. The landscaping at the entrance to Mountainview looked very well.

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

The road from Drogheda was well kept and gave a nice approach to the village. The approach from both Dundalk and Ardee were well cut back and well maintained. Signage to the village is good and this gives it a good sense of place.

## **GENERAL IMPRESSION**

Dunleer has great potential and was presented well. Consider being more strategic in future and also concentrate of the wildlife section where valuable marks can be gained. Good luck.