

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUALLA**
County : **TIPPERARY SOUTH**
Category : **A**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 26-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	26	26
The Built Environment	40	30	29
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	12	12
Litter Control	40	30	28
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	191	185

Dualla, County Tipperary

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Dualla, a quiet well structured village on a busy road from Cashel to Killenaule. At 14 the Committee is a sizeable resource and all involved are commended for their enthusiasm. Thank you for the completed entry form which gave details of the assistance afforded to you by the Community in respect of removal of rubbish on specially organised evenings. Your success in securing a Fás Scheme augurs well for the future. However it is important that the voluntary effort be maintained at all times.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Post Office looked well, was neat, clean and orderly. The 1908 schoolhouse with new windows was well presented. The presentation of the sizeable Church and its forecourt looked very well on the day of adjudication. The freshly painted Old Forge Pub was colourful as was the Horse and Hound with its well laid out forecourt.

LANDSCAPING

The hedging was well cut back at Tir na Nog and the shrubs to the foreground at the Horse and Hound were an agreeable feature. The Grotto with flowers at the Church looked well while the Tennis Club area was very well presented and neat. The planter for example at the former pump, while agreeable, would be enhanced by a greater level of planting. In general, where it is convenient and feasible, ground planting is to be preferred to the use of planters.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Your entry form is silent as to any wildlife project and this is a pity. Other centres have found it beneficial to identify and designate a specific area within schools for use as a wildlife or birdlife habitat. The installation of feeding tables and nesting boxes might be explored as an interest in and knowledge of birds and wildlife contributes greatly to the education of the growing generation.

LITTER CONTROL

A suitably located and appropriately sized litter bin at the Church looked well and the area generally throughout the village was free of litter. Likely black spots proved to be almost free of litter and all involved with this aspect of the presentation of the village are applauded for their efforts.

TIDINESS

Your success in securing involvement in the work nights is yielding dividends and the

centre generally projects a very neat and orderly and welcoming face to visitors. The Recycle for Life at the Church was well maintained and appropriately located.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

The housing stock in Dualla is limited but is well presented with many individual excellent gardens.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The Cashel Road approach is marked by very well presented, speed limit signs and the village nameplate. The Killenaule Road is similarly presented to a very high order. The junction at Rathclogh provides a natural entry point on the Cashel approach and this same, desirable situation of a clear cut divide between the village proper and the surrounding rural countryside is supplied on the Killenaule Road by the speed limit signs.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dualla is a small centre close to the main tourist centre of Cashel but as the gateway to the Slieveardagh Hills is of considerable significance. It is well presented, neat, orderly and inviting and the overall presentation reflects very well on your committee of 14 and indeed on the Community at large. Please keep up the good work.