

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DUNGARVAN**
County : **WATERFORD**
Category : **E**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 12-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	42	41
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	31	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	20	19
Litter Control	40	25	25
Tidiness	20	16	15
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	29
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	225	220

Dungarvan, County Waterford

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

Thank you for the map and all the information sent with your entry form which was most useful on adjudication day. It is gratifying to read that your Associations efforts has the combined support of Dungarvan UDC, Dungarvan Chamber of Commerce, FÁS, Teagasc and the Tidy Towns Committee, all of which are combining to enhance the environment of the town. Dungarvan is such a big centre that it is again strongly recommended that you produce a 3/5 year plan setting out what environmental projects need to be undertaken and done on a year-to-year basis within the resources available to your Association. In the event, a copy of this plan should be sent with your entry form next year with a map clearly indicating where projects are being undertaken in 2003.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Dungarvan has many fine public buildings and on adjudication day Dungarvan and Abbeyside Churches, Schools, Garda Station, Public Library, Credit Union, County Council Offices, Museum, St. Johns Castle etc. were very well presented and reflect great credit on those involved. Commercial premises also looked well. The centre of the town was particularly colourful where shops and offices are being well maintained. Work on the Quayside restoration at St Johns Castle was noted as was the progress being made at Ringnaskilloge Walk. "The Lookout" area is maturing nicely and will be entered for this years Waterside Award. The Sports Centre is being well maintained and work in progress there was also noted. The Industrial Estate on the Cork Road is indeed very well presented with well kept open spaces, work on which was in progress on adjudication day. Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the Shandon Business Park which was somewhat untidy.

LANDSCAPING

Trees and shrubs planted in previous years are now maturing and creating a lovely ambience in the town particularly on its approaches. Planting of the roundabouts has been very successful and they looked resplendent. Well done to all concerned. Where presented hanging baskets and tubs, particularly in the bridge area create a nice atmosphere and there was evidence also of these being attended to on adjudication day. The "Welcome to Dungarvan" landscaping on the Waterford Road is exceptional. The flowerbed at the "Welcome to Dungarvan" sign on the Lismore road was also noted and was in full bloom. Landscaping and the planting of flowerbeds is rapidly becoming a feature of Dungarvan which is to be

encouraged.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENTIES

Unfortunately the adjudicator found it difficult to identify Fr. Twomey Road but accepts that work is progressing there on a wildlife project. This is to be commended. Perhaps clearer directions on next years map as to its location will initiate a better sighting. The existing signage at Dungarvan Bay is being well maintained and is very informative.

LITTER CONTROL

The centre of Dungarvan was practically litter-free on adjudication day. However some littering was to be seen in the vicinity of the Sports Complex, the Augustinian Church and some housing estates, particularly in Abbeyside. It should be borne in mind that adjudication covers the whole area of Dungarvan/ Abbeyside including housing estates and side streets and all areas therefore need constant monitoring. In general however there would appear to be a consciousness of a litter-free environment and, in this connection, all those involved are again to be congratulated.

TIDINESS

For a centre of its size, Dungarvan, generally speaking, presented itself in a neat and tidy manner. Consideration is always taken of work in progress. There certainly has been an improvement on last year. This has probably come about because of the effort of your Association and a merging of support from all areas.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Most housing estates were again visited this year. The older ones are being well maintained but, as stated, there was some evidence of litter, particular in the Abbeyside area. The involvement of your Residents Associations is a major step forward and your proposal to hold a competition will create a friendly rivalry which can only be beneficial to your efforts. Individual houses, particularly on the approach roads, looked well and some had lovely gardens which were in full bloom. In general open spaces are also being well maintained although, on adjudication day, some of them needed cutting. Quayside apartment complexes also looked well.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Road surfaces and paths are being well maintained for which great credit is due to Dungarvan Urban District Council. Approach roads are being nicely presented, particularly those with roundabouts and, as already stated, many areas which were landscaped in the past are now benefiting from tree planting in particular. The Dungarvan bypass is a classic example of this. The condition of approach roads is very important as it tends to set the tone for the rest of the centre.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Dungarvan is now reaching a reasonably high mark in this competition and has the ability to progress even further. Careful planning and attention to detail however would be required. The makeup of your Association can ensure that this will happen. The Adjudicator looks forward to returning to Dungarvan again to see further progress. In the meantime keep up the good work.