

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **DELGANY**
County : **WICKLOW**
Category : **C**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 18-06-2002

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2002	Mark Awarded 2001
Overall Developmental Approach	50	37	35
The Built Environment	40	31	30
Landscaping	40	30	30
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	19	19
Litter Control	40	30	30
Tidiness	20	15	14
Residential Areas	30	24	24
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	25	25
General Impression	10	7	7
TOTAL MARK	300	218	214

Delgany, County Wicklow

OVERALL DEVELOPMENT APPROACH

The submission made with the application form is very comprehensive and shows a great commitment to the development and retention of the valuable aspects of Delgany. The forward planning is excellent and by charting the progress made year on year, the plan can be adapted to meet new challenges. The number of people involved in activities is striking and a great compliment to the organisation.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The nucleus of the old Delgany village is well maintained and on a initial glance the appearance of the village appears as it did many years ago. Further investigation reveals new building developments and new surrounding road patterns. This has brought a massive increase in fast moving through traffic which is quite frightening at 6.00 in the evening as traffic rounds the bends to the village without warning. Speed curtailment of some sort is badly needed. The old business premises are well presented. The Church of Ireland is an attractive building feature as are the prominent houses at the village centre. The carpark behind the village centre keeps carparking off the main areas. Beaumont Cottage is a lovely sight with the fern and campanula on the wall.

LANDSCAPING

The background of trees and vegetation gives Delgany a lovely landscape setting. Gardens contribute very well to enhancing this natural setting and in particular the large trees so close to the village centre. The picnic area is well maintained. and the pump is a pleasant feature. The grounds of the Church of Ireland are particularly well maintained and are attractive. The National School is attractively planted and cared for. The natural/wild plants on the bank were looking well. Outside the school, the small traffic island needs urgent attention. Red Valerian growing on the walls near the village are attractive and care must be taken to ensure that, in any enthusiastic cleansing, some natural vegetation is retained.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

With so much natural vegetation it is obvious that Delgany possesses interesting wildlife of both plant and animal type. Development of this asset is a key factor both for residents and visitors. The blackberry lane project is laudable. The difficulties on this lane with dumped refuse is disappointing and hopefully progress can be made by persistent effort. There is tremendous potential under this heading.

LITTER CONTROL

Litter as mentioned on Blackberry lane is disappointing. Dogs have torn the bags open and further damaged the place. Litter was noted in the carpark behind the village and while litter collection is a constant problem, persistence and determination will succeed. The efforts of the committee are noted. Sometimes litter bins in themselves need attention and some cleaning and painting of these could be looked at in places.

TIDINESS

Delgany has a very tidy aspect. The nature of the village centre lends itself to a tidy style. The compactness of the village helps in this regard. More attention is needed to weed control, such as in the carpark and at places by kerbs and walls. Remembering of course to retain some natural wall vegetation. The entrances to new housing estates are important factors and developers should be encouraged to complete works and to give a good finish before leaving the sites.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

New and old residential areas are being combined well. The maintenance of properties is very good and individual gardens give a very attractive aspect to the village. The housing estate at Elsinore is well planted with an impressive entrance.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

The approaches to the village are good. Housing developments, as mentioned, have caused some changes to the approach roads and these which need to be well incorporated into the existing roads without being too intrusive. The speed of the traffic on the approach roads and the use of Delgany Village as a route to other areas is causing pressure.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Delgany is a very attractive village which has kept the central nucleus of its village intact despite much development in the surrounds. The work of the committee is very evident and credit is due for all the organised activities which continually help to make Delgany such an attractive place.